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The plan adopted in preparing the Report for 1885 has been followed in drawing up the following Report on the Administration of Criminal Justice in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during the year 1886. The forms of statements appended hereto are also similar.

2. No variation in the figures representing the area of the several Districts or Sessions Divisions comprised within the Lower Provinces and subject to the administration of the High Court has been reported, while the population of the Province is shown to be the same as at the close of 1885. The number of sub-divisions also remained unchanged.

3. For reasons stated in previous years, the statistics of that portion of the Sonthal Pergunnahs, which is administered by the Government of Bengal direct, is excluded from the present report.

I.—CRIMINAL COURTS.

Presidency Magistrates, Sessions Judges, and District Magistrates.

4. The number of Stipendiary Magistrates at the Presidency, and of Sessions Judges and District Magistrates outside the Presidency Town, has remained unchanged.

District Magistrates with special powers under Section 34, C. P. C.

5. The District Magistrates, vested with the special powers described in Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, were, as in previous years, the Deputy Commissioners of Hazareebagh, Manbhoom, Singbhoom, Darjeeling, Lohardugga, and Julpaiguri. The last two officers, however, did not exercise those powers during the year under review.

6. Including District Magistrates, but excluding the Magistrates (Stipendiary and Honorary) in Calcutta, the total numbers of Magistrates of each class at the close of 1885 and 1886, respectively, were—

	1885.	1886.
Stipendiary	390	383
Honorary	1,541	1,606

Of the 383 Stipendiary Magistrates employed at the close of the year, 235 exercised powers of the first class, 60 of the second class, and 88 of the third class, as compared with 243, 56, and 91, respectively, during the previous year.

Benches of Magistrates.

7. The total number of Benches of Magistrates, constituted under Section 15 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, was 172 in the past, as against 174 in the previous year. The variation for the past year was due to the reduction by one in the number of Benches in each of the districts of Monghyr, Darjeeling, Midnapore, Patna, Rungpore, Julpaiguri, and Sarun, and to the creation of two additional Benches in the district of Burdwan, and of one additional Bench in each of the districts of Balasore, Pooree, and Nuddea. There were at the close of 1886, 9 Benches in Midnapore, 7 in Patna, 5 in Monghyr, 3 in each of the districts of Rungpore and Sarun, and 2 in each of the districts of Darjeeling and Julpaiguri.

Of these Benches 46 were independent Benches, that is, Benches not presided over by a Stipendiary Magistrate, and 44 Benches were restricted to the trial of matters under the Municipal law. The remaining 82 Benches were presided over by Stipendiary Magistrates.

There were also 9 Special Magistrates (not stipendiary) who sat alone.

The reports made by District Magistrates vary considerably as to the assistance given by the Benches. In some districts they have relieved the Stipendiary Magistrates of a fair amount of work which they have done in a satisfactory manner, while in others the attendance of Magistrates has been irregular and secured with some difficulty, so as to make the formation of the Bench on any particular day a matter of uncertainty. There has, however, been a general improvement, and in course of time as soon as the system is more thoroughly recognised and the distinction of holding the office of Magistrate is more appreciated, there is little doubt that these tribunals will become an important element in the administration of justice. Their proceedings require a more careful supervision than they now receive. The success of this system depends in a great measure on the judgment and interest displayed by District Magistrates in the arrangements made for the sitting of the Benches, and also on the progress of education and the opportunities for selecting intelligent and public-spirited residents in particular localities.

II.—CRIME RETURNS.

Offences reported, &c., 1885, 1886.

Tables A and B.

8. Tables A and B show the number of offences reported, of cases returned as true, and of cases brought to trial during the years 1885 and 1886.

The general results were as follows:—

	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Cases returned as true.	Number of Cases brought to trial.
1885	266,032	225,688	147,581
1886	278,676	238,926	157,087

The returns, under all three heads, are in excess of previous years, but show little variation in comparison with the returns of 1883.

[1] Chapter XVII of the Indian Penal Code.
[2] Chapter VIII of the Indian Penal Code.
[3] Chapter XVI of the Indian Penal Code.

9. The increase in the number of reported offences occurred in all classes of offences, except in respect of offences against property[1] and offences against the public tranquillity.[2] The increase was most striking in offences against special and local laws which rose from 80,077 in 1885 to 91,233 in 1886 and in offences against the human body.[3] Offences against property decreased from 88,934 in 1885 to 87,172 in 1886.

The increase in the number of reported offences occurred chiefly in the following districts:—

	Cases reported		Cases returned as true.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Calcutta	39,826	44,916	39,748	44,820
24-Pergunnahs	16,937	18,652	15,374	17,161
Hooghly	7,699	9,093	6,348	7,899
Chittagong	4,476	5,651	3,758	4,874
Monghyr	6,276	7,201	5,578	6,565
Mymensingh	11,520	12,394	8,753	9,584
Howrah	5,798	6,484	5,208	6,035
Backergunge	7,113	7,704	4,961	5,771
Tipperah	7,451	7,919	5,027	5,829
Mozufferpore	4,168	4,711	3,341	4,081
Futreedpore	5,432	6,033	4,467	5,015

A decrease in the number of reported cases is returned from only 16 districts, and is most marked in the following :—

	Cases reported.		Cases returned as true.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Patna	8,537	7,957	7,831	7,122
Gya	7,083	6,532	6,258	5,612
Poóree	4,549	3,654	3,731	3,170
Rungpore	4,925	4,766	4,022	3,511
Sarun	6,644	6,113	4,894	4,425
Shahabad	5,389	4,605	4,156	3,720
Dinagepore	4,789	4,289	4,174	3,768

The variations in the proportion of cases returned as true to cases reported on comparison of the returns of the different districts is, in a great measure, to be explained by the preponderance of petty cases under the Municipal or Police Acts in large towns. Such cases from their nature require no investigation and are easily proved, and therefore disturb the usual proportion. In other respects, these returns seem to call for no comment.

Rejected complaints and false cases.

10. The number of complaints dismissed and of cases struck off as false was 39,750, or 14·2 per cent. of the total number of offences reported in 1886, as compared with 40,344, or 15·1 per cent. rejected or struck off in 1885. In the Report for 1885 it was stated that the proportion for that year was higher than in any of the previous five years except in 1882. There has now been a relapse, and the proportion for the year under report is about equal to the proportion for 1884.

The following figures distinguish complaints dismissed under Section 203 of the Criminal Procedure Code from complaints decided to be false after trial :—

	Cases dismissed on complaint.	Cases decided to be false.
1885	29,727	10,617
1886	30,463	9,287

Comparing the returns for the year under review with those for 1884 and 1885, it will be observed that there has been a further increase in the number of cases dismissed on complaint, and a further decrease in the number of cases decided to be false. The result is also that the number of cases dismissed on complaint is larger than in any of the previous five years, while cases decided to be false were much less numerous. It is impossible to account for this. The increase under the former head is most conspicuous in Balasore (667), Rungpore (414), Sarun (330), Moorshedabad (323), and Burdwan (321), while in Bogra the figures increased from only 87 in 1885 to 405 in 1886. On the other hand, a marked decrease in the number of such cases appears in the returns from Purneah (436), Cuttack (402), Tipperah (401), and Pooree (315).

Under the second head, the falling off is chiefly in the returns of Sarun (392), 24-Pergunnahs (290), Bankura (245), and Lohardugga (224), while there is a marked increase in the returns of only Pubna (247), and Hazareebagh (238). In Chumparun the number of cases decided to be false was 436 in the past as against 377 in the previous year, and as regards this increase the District

Magistrate gives the following extract from his Police Administration Report to serve to elucidate the view he entertains on the subject of false cases:—

"It has been my practice to withhold sanction to prosecutions under Section 211, Indian Penal Code, unless there were reasonable grounds for believing (1) that a complaint was false, (2) that it was known or believed by the complainant to be false, and (3) that these two points could be established by credible evidence. It is necessary always to remember that an investigating Police officer can, without much difficulty, give such a complexion to the facts and evidence in a true case that a Magistrate has no alternative but to declare it false for the purposes of Police returns, and that indolent Sub-Inspectors and Head Constables are directly interested in discouraging complaints of theft cases in which the property stolen is unlikely to be recovered. So long as the number of cases reported in C Form False varies in different and sometimes adjoining Police stations of this district from 15 to 40 per cent. of the total number of cognizable cases, and so long as the great majority of C Forms False relate to theft cases in which class of offences the proportion of stolen property recovered has long formed one of the tests of successful Police administration, it is necessary to act with extreme caution in regard to the initiating of prosecutions under Section 211, Indian Penal Code. My own experience is that the more trustworthy and efficient a Police officer is, the fewer cases will he report in Form C False. No doubt, false cases are deliberately instituted every year, but I do not believe that the true number of such cases is nearly so high as reported by the Police."

The District Magistrate of Hooghly reports that the increasing tendency of the Police of Serampore to declare cases false requires careful watching, and the Sub-Divisional Officer has accordingly directed them to send up a number of such cases in A Form.

Class I.—Offences against the State, &c.

11. Six offences under Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code (Offences against the State or relating to the Army or Navy) were reported during 1886 as against 4 in the previous year. These 6 cases are reported from Sarun and Gya (2 each) and Cuttack and Darjeeling (1 each). The 2 cases from Gya and the case reported from Cuttack were summarily dismissed under Section 203 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, while one of the cases reported from Sarun was declared to be false. The remaining case reported from the latter district and the case reported from Darjeeling were brought to trial and resulted in the discharge or acquittal of the accused.

Class II.—Offences against the public tranquillity.

12. The number of offences against the public tranquillity, under Chapter VIII of the Indian Penal Code, was 3,319 in the past, as compared with 3,330 in the previous year. Such cases were most numerous in the following districts:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Calcutta	195	208	464	508
Tipperah	139	203	451	553
Dacca	168	159	274	264
Mymensingh	192	140	427	264
Furreedpore	150	124	298	299
Jessore	135	120	281	327
Backergunge	136	117	349	260
Pubna	112	108	161	147
24-Pergunnahs	92	107	287	329

In Tipperah there has been a steady increase in crime of this class since 1884, and the number reported in 1886 being about equal to that in 1881.

Class III.—Offences by, or concerning, public servants.

13. Of offences by, or relating to, public servants (Chapters IX and X of the Penal Code), there was a marked increase in the past year as against a decrease reported in 1884 and 1885; the number of offences reported during 1886 being

4,712, against 4,445 in 1885, 4,924 in 1884, and 5,192 in 1883. The increase in the past year is most apparent in the returns of the following districts :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Mymensingh	443	555	452	572
Shahabad	102	177	118	141
Pubna	77	151	100	175
Backergunge	147	211	147	184
Monghyr	89	148	103	152

On the other hand, a remarkable decrease is reported from the following districts :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Durbhungah	100	37	99	54
Midnapore	306	250	365	288
Hooghly	109	55	127	65

14. The number of offences against public justice, and for giving false evidence, under Chapter XI of the Indian Penal Code, was 3,357 in the past, as compared with 3,121 in the previous year. The increase occurred chiefly in the following districts :— Class IV.—Offences against public justice.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Monghyr	98	164	50	71
Durbhungah	64	115	68	67
24-Pergunnahs	149	188	87	125
Hooghly	63	98	31	67
Moorshedabad	37	70	18	37
Cuttack	57	88	18	43

A decrease of crime of this class is reported from 18 districts, and is most marked in only the following two districts :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Midnapore	146	84	49	37
Chumparun	103	62	62	33

The return of persons convicted by the Courts outside the Presidency Town under this chapter of the Penal Code for the past six years is the following :—

1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.
2,016	1,817	1,986	1,809	1,639	1,818

15. The number of offences relating to coin, stamps, and weights and measures, under Chapters XII and XIII of the Penal Code, was 420 in the past, as against 411 in the previous year, and 439 in 1884. The increase in the past year is most striking in the following districts :— Class V.—Offences relating to coin, stamps, weights, &c.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Manbhoom	2	17	12	14
Nuddea	2	16	2	10
Dacca	19	32	13	27
Calcutta	13	26	9	20

Class VI.—Offences affecting public health, &c.

16. The number of offences affecting public health, &c., and religion (Chapters XIV and XV of the Indian Penal Code) was 6,703 in the past year, as compared with 6,579 in 1885 and 8,604 in 1884. The increase in the past year is most marked in the returns of the following districts:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Calcutta	4,662	4,756	6,736	6,537
Sarun	117	179	218	242
Dinagepore	48	101	44	101
Nuddea	40	91	64	116
Darjeeling	11	49	9	38
Beerbhoom	39	66	66	71
Dacca	74	98	135	99
Monghyr	46	69	46	94

A noticeable decrease occurred in the following districts:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
24-Pergunnahs	374	273	375	331
Midnapore	103	51	221	79
Shahabad	107	63	126	66
Durbhungah	81	44	91	77
Furreedpore	40	15	30	17

Class VII.—Offences affecting the human body.

17. The total number of reported offences affecting the human body under Chapter XVI of the Penal Code was 73,774 in the past, as compared with 71,835 in the previous year. The increase is chiefly observable in the following districts:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Hooghly	2,379	3,596	917	849
Chittagong	1,372	2,078	358	368
Jessore	1,710	2,301	538	496
Furreedpore	1,696	2,117	544	707
Burdwan	1,795	2,081	508	479

On the other hand, the returns of only 16 districts show a decrease of crime against the human body, the most conspicuous being the returns of the following districts:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
24-Pergunnahs	5,356	4,766	1,838	1,489
Sarun	979	690	409	405
Lohardugga	768	538	281	275
Rungpore	1,131	926	359	370

The following statement gives details of some of the chief heads of crime included in this class:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
19. Murder	318	297	118	106
21. Culpable homicide	228	216	179	168
30. Grievous hurt	903	909	877	823
31 & 34. Simple hurt and assault	49,941	52,640	15,063	15,244
40. Rape	146	132	37	40

The number of persons brought to trial on charges of murder was greatest in the following districts:—Lohardugga (59), Backergunge (52), Dacca (32), Furreedpore (31), and Nuddea and Hazareebagh (28 in each).

18. The total number of offences against property under Chapter XVII of the Penal Code was 87,172 in the past, as compared with 88,934 in the previous year. The decrease is most noticeable in the returns of the following districts:— Class VIII.—Offences against property.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Gya	3,943	2,860	767	756
Moorshedabad	2,263	1,717	995	732
Nudden	2,737	2,331	1,100	1,099
Durbhungah	2,252	1,887	760	887
Bhaugulpore	2,083	1,728	720	595

On the other hand, a marked increase is reported from the following districts:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Mymensingh	3,697	4,252	1,133	971
Tipperah	1,542	2,071	547	670
Chittagong	1,041	1,463	303	391
Backergunge	1,128	1,489	421	414

In Mymensingh and Backergunge, notwithstanding the increase in the number of true cases of this class, the number of persons convicted of this offence was smaller, while in Durbhunga there was a larger number of convictions against a smaller number of cases reported.

Details of the chief heads of crime falling under this class are given below:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
42, 43, 55. Theft and receipt of stolen property.	30,605	28,731	16,830	15,334
49—52. Dacoity	190	122	200	139
44—48. Robbery and extortion	927	873	303	262
61. House-trespass and house-breaking.	18,413	18,626	2,357	2,141

19. Offences under Chapters XVIII to XXII of the Penal Code relating to documents, trade or property marks, breaches of contract of service, marriage, defamation and criminal intimidation, and insult or annoyance increased from 7,296 in 1885 to 7,980 in 1886, as against the decrease reported in 1885 and 1884. The largest increase is reported from the following districts:— Class IX.—Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Chittagong	107	287	20	36
Mymensingh	295	374	39	31
Purneah	56	116	8	17
Howrah	68	125	21	44
Rajshahye	53	105	15	22
Jessore	167	218	20	15
Burdwan	121	158	30	23

There was, on the other hand, a marked decrease in crime of this class in the following districts:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Rungpore	274	136	32	20
24-Pergunnahs	494	391	199	181
Bogra	131	84	6	8
Pooree	101	62	34	17

Class X.—Offences against special laws.

20. The total number of offences against special laws was 91,233 in the past year, as compared with 80,077 in 1885. The following districts contributed most towards this increase:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Calcutta	29,768	34,775	25,247	30,573
24-Pergunnahs	5,790	8,167	5,955	8,425
Mozufferpore	1,114	2,022	903	1,692
Monghyr	1,571	2,133	1,309	1,957
Howrah	2,759	3,208	2,954	3,497
Hooghly	1,905	2,349	1,713	2,101
Backergunge	1,487	1,905	4,079	4,123
Maldah	227	582	213	651
Gya	1,201	1,547	1,051	1,318
Midnapore	1,362	1,701	1,206	1,397
Bankura	258	572	285	452

A decrease in the number of offences against special laws is reported from only 16 districts in the Province, and is greatest in the following districts:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Patna	4,263	3,944	4,195	3,938
Dinagepore	1,474	1,179	1,363	1,096
Pooree	873	639	850	812
Hazareebagh	526	315	578	381

Details of offences under some of the more important special laws are given in the following table:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Cattle Trespass Act	6,828	6,737	1,632	1,486
Arms and Ammunition Act	913	1,113	860	1,022
Stamp Act	799	862	813	934
Excise, Salt and Opium Acts	4,255	4,580	4,000	4,331
District Police Act	15,133	15,055	15,534	15,284
Town Police Acts	5,396	8,944	7,395	12,379
Municipal Acts (Mofussil)	9,364	11,537	8,775	10,539

The increase in Mozufferpore is specially noticeable under the Excise Laws, Police Act (V of 1861) and the Road-cess Bye-laws. Under the second Act a large number of nuisance cases under Section 34 were sent up, while under the Road-cess Bye-laws a large number of persons were prosecuted chiefly for encroachment on district roads.

In Khulna the number of reported offences under special and local laws rose from 410 in 1885 to 671 in 1886, and this fluctuation is reported to be due to a large number of prosecutions under the Forest Act on account of non-return of permits, the number of such offences being 38 in 1885 and 349 in 1886.

Results of trials in all Courts. *Tables A1 and B1.*

21. The total number of persons tried during each of the past two years and the general results of criminal trials are given below—

	1885.	1886
Acquitted or discharged	69,684	73,985
Convicted	140,795	150,763
Percentage convicted	66·8	67·09

The percentage of persons convicted was somewhat higher in the past year than that of 1885. It is, however, still smaller than that of any of the preceding five years.

Taking each class of offences separately, the proportion of convictions to persons tried was higher than in 1885 in the case of offences under Chapters VIII, IX, X, XII, XIII, XIV, and XV of the Indian Penal Code and of offences against special and local laws and lower in the case of offences under Chapter XI, and Chapters XVI to XXII of the Indian Penal Code.

The proportion of acquittals and discharges was lowest in Calcutta (9·92 per cent.), Darjeeling (20·3 per cent.), 24 Pergunnahs (24·1 per cent.), Patna (26·7 per cent.), and Howrah (29·6 per cent.); while it was highest in Pubna (53·3 per cent.), Chumparun (48·5 per cent.), Midnapore (47·9 per cent.), and Chittagong (47·5 per cent.). In the remaining districts the proportion varied from 31·6 to 46·9 per cent.

Results of trials of European British subjects. *Statement 8.*

22. The number of cases against European British subjects was 199 in the past year, as compared with 216 in 1885. Cases of this class are reported from 22 districts in the past, as against 19 districts in the preceding year.

Including two cases which were pending trial at the close of 1885, 199 cases were disposed of during the past year, 187 being tried by Magistrates or Sessions Judges who were European British subjects, and 12 by Native Magistrates. The latter were tried by Native Magistrates in Darjeeling and Burdwan.

Two hundred and thirty-six persons were under trial during the past, as compared with 242 under trial during the previous year. The districts in which the largest number of such trials was held were, as in 1884 and 1885, Chittagong and Darjeeling (45 in each), and Howrah (29). In Chittagong the number has fallen from 101 in 1885 to 45 in 1886. A large number is also reported from Burdwan (22) and the 24-Pergunnahs (20). On the other hand, such trials were very rare in Bankura, Bhaugulpore, Hazareebagh, Pubna, Dinagepore and Purneah (1 in each) and Cuttack and Hooghly (2 in each) as in 1885. The offences with which European British subjects were commonly charged were breaches of local and special laws (under which 126 were charged in 14 districts), criminal force and assault under which 37 were charged in 13 districts, the largest number (13) being reported from Darjeeling, and hurt and criminal trespass (12 under each head). In Darjeeling 10 persons were charged with offences affecting the public health, &c. This was the only district from which such offences were reported during the past year as committed by European British subjects. Of the 126 persons charged with offences under local and special laws, 41 are reported from Chittagong, 19 from Howrah, and 17 from Burdwan. The cases of hurt were distributed among eight districts, while the cases of criminal trespass were reported from only six districts, 8 persons having been reported from Darjeeling and the 24-Pergunnahs alone.

Of the persons tried during the year, 167 or 71 per cent. were convicted. The percentage for 1885 was 78·7. The person shown in the Report for 1885

as committed to the High Court was tried during the year under report and convicted of an attempt to murder.

Two of those tried by District Magistrates claimed to be tried by a mixed Jury, and one person in Shahabad claimed to be tried by Assessors of different nationalities.

During the year under review, 5 European British subjects were tried in the district of Julpaiguri, 3 by the Deputy Commissioner and 2 by a Deputy Magistrate.

In Burdwan, 22 European British subjects were brought to trial in as many cases which were all tried and determined during the year. None of these persons were committed to the Sessions Court. Of the number brought to trial, 17 were convicted and 5 acquitted. The offences with which European British subjects brought to trial during the year were charged, were as follows :—

Under the Penal Code .	Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.	2
	Offences against property, Chapter XVII .	3
Breaches of local and special laws		17
TOTAL .		22

Five cases in which 5 European British subjects were the accused persons were tried during the past year in the district of Patna, against 13 cases during the previous year. These five persons were tried by Magistrates who were European British subjects for the offences noted in the margin. One was convicted and 4 were acquitted.

Hurt, Section 336 I. P. C. . . .	2
Theft, Section 380 ,, . . .	1
Breaches of Cantonment Rules . . .	1
Railway Act	1
	5

Two European British subjects in two cases were tried by the Joint-Magistrate of Serampore in the district of Hooghly during the past year, 1 of whom was convicted, and the other acquitted.

Miscellaneous cases under the Code of Criminal Procedure. Chapter VIC and Section 485. *Statement 3. Table F.*

23. The number of witnesses against whom proceedings were taken under Chapter VIC and Section 485 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for refusing to answer questions or to produce documents was 78 in the past, as compared with 83 in the previous year. Of those against whom such proceedings were taken in 1886, 42 were convicted. Proceedings under this law were instituted in 17 districts only, the largest numbers being reported from the 24-Pergunnahs (19), Dacca (14), Bhaugulpore and Hooghly (7 in each), and Burdwan (6). All the witnesses proceeded against in Dacca, Hooghly, and Burdwan were, however, discharged.

Chapter VIII (1) Proceedings to prevent breach of the peace.

24. The number of persons against whom proceedings were taken in each of the years 1885 and 1886 under Chapter VIII of the Code of Criminal Procedure (relating to the prevention of breaches of the peace), is thus returned :—

	1885.	1886.
Total number of cases on the files	2,599	3,002
Total number of persons concerned	10,419	11,723
Number of persons required to find sureties	2,680	3,626
Number of persons required to give recognizance to keep the peace.	4,395	4,191

Of 7,817 persons required to give security to keep the peace, 948 persons were bound over after having been convicted of offences involving a breach. As in former years, these powers were freely exercised in Backergunge and Fur-

reedpore. In the former district the number of persons required to give such security was 3,710, as against 3,738 of 1885, but these numbers were considerably less than those of previous years. In Furreedpore the number of persons required to find or give such sureties or recognizances was in excess of the number of 1885, but was considerably less than that of 1883. The number of persons required to find sureties or to give recognizance in these two districts, during the past four years, is given below—

	1883.	1884	1885.	1886.
Backergunge .	4,961	4,559	3,738	3,710
Furreedpore .	3,060	506	297	508

Such proceedings were also freely resorted to in Mymensingh, where 422 persons were bound down, Tipperah (355), Jessore (230), Khulna (220), Dacca (203), Midnapore (162), Rajshahye (161), and Monghyr (157). In all these districts, except Khulna, the number of persons bound down was considerably in excess of the number reported in 1885, especially in Rajshahye where it increased from 8 to 161. In Khulna, the number decreased from 311 to 220. A decrease is also reported from Pubna where the number fell from 138 in 1885 to 86 in 1886 and Pooree where it fell from 85 to 47. During the past year such proceedings were instituted in all the districts in the Province, but they were seldom resorted to in Beerbhoom, Balasore, Darjeeling, Bogra, Julpaiguri, Singbhoom, Hazareebagh, and Maldah. Although proceedings were taken in a few cases in the two last-named districts, none of the persons proceeded against were bound down.

(2) Security for good behaviour.

25. The following statement shows the number of proceedings taken under Chapter VIII of the Code of Criminal Procedure (security for good behaviour):—

	1885.	1886.
Total number of cases dealt with	1,117	1,199
Total number of persons concerned	1,222	1,224
Number of persons required to give security for good behaviour.	767	836
Number of persons imprisoned in default of security for good behaviour.	675	698

Of the 698 persons imprisoned in default of furnishing security, 24 were committed to jail by order of a Court of Session under Section 123 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for periods between one and three years, while the imprisonment of the other persons was for shorter terms by order of a Magistrate.

The largest number of persons required to give security for good behaviour was reported from Backergunge (113), Bankura (71), Gya and Sarun (66 in each), Monghyr (46), and Rungpore (45), and the smallest number from Darjeeling, Howrah, and Julpaiguri (1 each), Balasore, Hooghly, and Maldah (2 each), Burdwan and Khulna (3 each), and Cuttack (4). In Pooree no person was required to give such security during the past year. On a comparison with the returns for 1885, a considerable increase in the number of persons required to give security appears in the returns from Backergunge (from 47 to 113), Bankura (from 30 to 71), and Gya (from 25 to 66). On the other hand, a marked decrease appears in the returns from the 24-Pergunnahs (from 61 to 29), Rungpore (from 73 to 45), and Burdwan (from 27 to 3).

Chapter X. Nuisance.

26. Proceedings for the suppression of nuisances (Chapter X of the Code of Criminal Procedure) were taken in 551 cases, as compared with 613 cases in 1885. The following districts returned the largest number of such cases:—Shahabad (130), Hooghly (85), Tipperah (69), and Noakholly (54). In 15 districts (including Calcutta), no such proceedings were taken. In Shahabad such proceedings increased from 30 in 1885 to 130 in 1886, while in Pooree the

number decreased from 60 to 21, in Tipperah from 96 to 69, in the 24-Pergunnahs from 36 to 18, and in Hooghly from 103 to 85. The orders passed were favourable to 299 and unfavourable to 648 of the persons concerned. The corresponding figures for 1885 were 199 and 626. Fifty-seven cases were referred to a Jury under Section 138 of the Code, in all of which the Jury confirmed or very slightly modified the orders of the Magistrate.

Chapter XII.—Possession cases.

27. The number of cases regarding possession of land (Chapter XII of the Code of Criminal Procedure) decided by Magistrates was 332 in the past, as compared with 339 in the previous year. Cases of this nature were most numerous in Sarun and Shahabad (32 each), Mymensingh (25), 24-Pergunnahs (23), and Monghyr (21). No such cases were instituted in Calcutta, Cuttack, Darjeeling, Hazareebagh, Julpaiguri, Pooree, and Singbhoom, while only 1 such case was instituted in Dinagepore and Maldah.

The gradual decrease of such cases is very satisfactory. A reference to the returns of previous years will show that the vast majority of such cases are instituted in districts, the lands of which are much subject to alluvion and diluvion.

1881	474
1882	409
1883	391
1884	350
1885	339
1886	332

Chapter XX, Section 250.

28. The number of persons whose complaints were dismissed as frivolous or vexatious was 972 in the past, as compared with 993 in the previous year. The amount of compensation awarded to accused parties was R11,650 in 1886, as compared with R9,503-8 in 1885. Such orders were most numerous in Calcutta (87), Chittagong (64), Sarun (60), 24-Pergunnahs (59), Noakholly (50), Dacca (47), and Mymensingh (39). An increase in the number of such orders is apparent in the returns from Chittagong (from 38 in 1885 to 64 in 1886), 24-Pergunnahs (from 37 to 59), Howrah (from 4 to 23), and Calcutta (from 68 to 87), while a decrease appears in the returns from Rungpore (from 44 to 13), Patna (from 44 to 22), and Mozufferpore (from 40 to 22). No such orders were passed during 1886 in Maldah, while they were rare in Pooree (1), Lohardugga and Singbhoom (2 each), Darjeeling and Manbhoom (4 each), and Bankura and Dinagepore (5 each).

Chapter XXIII, Section 332.

29. The number of Jurors and Assessors who rendered themselves liable to fine for non-attendance (Section 332 of the Code of Criminal Procedure) was 36 in the past, as compared with 43 in the previous year. These 36 Jurors and Assessors are reported from only 9 districts, the largest number being from Hooghly (17) and Nuddea (9). In the former district the number has increased from 1 in 1885, while in the latter it has decreased from 27. None of those reported from the latter district were, however, fined. Of the total number reported during the past year, only 16 were fined, of whom 11 are returned from Hooghly alone.

Chapter XXXVI. Maintenance cases.

30. Proceedings under Chapter XXXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure were taken against 911 persons, but of these only 404 were required to pay maintenance. The corresponding figures for 1885 were 891 and 444. The districts in which the largest number of such cases occurred are, as in previous years, Calcutta (291), and the 24-Pergunnahs (77). As in 1885, a large number were also reported from Midnapore (45), Burdwan (40), and Hooghly (35). No such proceedings were taken in Pooree, Julpaiguri, and Singbhoom, while in Backergunge, Cuttack, Noakholly, and Patna the complainants were unsuccessful. The number of such proceedings increased in Calcutta from 268 in 1885 to 291 in 1886, while in the 24-Pergunnahs it decreased from 89 to 77. In Mymensingh also the number fell from 35 to 21.

Chapter XLII.

31. Orders for the forfeiture of bail or recognizance were passed in the cases of 1,144 persons in 1886, as compared with 1,279 persons in the previous year.

Such orders were passed in all the districts in the Province, and were most numerous in Mymensingh (114), Burdwan (60), Monghyr (58), Dacca (53), Purneah (49), Rungpore (47), and Bogra (46). They were rare in Hazareebagh (2), Beerbhoom, Bankura, and Singbhoom (5 each), Chumparun (6), Darjeeling (9), and Calcutta (10). On a comparison with the returns for 1885, there was an increase in the number of orders of this class in Burdwan (from 19 to 60), Bogra (from 10 to 46), Purneah (from 25 to 49), and Monghyr (from 31 to 58), while there was a falling off in Pooree (from 97 to 13), Midnapore (from 88 to 38), Nuddea (from 55 to 19), and in Pubna (from 51 to 20).

BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE CRIMINAL COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

III.—THE HIGH COURT.

Original Criminal Jurisdiction of the High Court. *Statement 4.*

32. Including two cases pending trial at the close of 1885, there were 43 cases before the High Court in the exercise of its Original Criminal Jurisdiction. Of these, the trials of 39 cases were held, and 4 remained over at the close of the year. Besides these cases, which were all committed by the Magistrates of Calcutta, two cases relating to European British subjects and committed by the Cantonment Magistrate of Barrackpore were before the High Court during the year, one of which remained over from 1885; of these one was tried during the year and the other remained untried at its close. Forty-seven persons were under trial in these 40 cases, of whom 34 (including 1 European British subject) were convicted and 13 were either acquitted or discharged, a *nolle prosequi* having been entered by the Advocate General in the case of one of the latter. The number of witnesses examined was 411, and the average duration of the cases tried was 27 days.

IV.—COURTS OF SESSION.

Number of Commitments, &c. *Table E.*

33. The following statement shows the number of cases committed or referred under Sections 31, 34, or 123 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to the Courts of Session, the number decided by such Courts during each of the past two years, and the number remaining under trial at the close of each of those years respectively—

	Committed or referred for trial.	Tried.	Untried (pending).
1885	1,576	1,562	233
1886	1,460	1,487	204

The amount of original work before the Sessions Courts thus shown is considerably less than during any of the previous four years, the number of cases and of persons under trial, as well as of witnesses examined being smaller. These figures will appear in a subsequent portion of this report. There is consequently a smaller number of cases awaiting trial.

Taking each district separately, the decrease is conspicuous in the following districts, *viz.*:—

	1885.	1886.	Decrease.
Burdwan	60	27	33
Mymensingh	88	57	31
Beerbhoom	45	27	18
Rungpore	49	31	18
Manbhoom	28	15	13
Durbhungah	39	27	12
24-Pergunnahs	100	88	12
Mozufferpore	41	31	10
Noakholly	29	19	10

On the other hand, there was a marked increase in the following districts:—

	1885	1886	Increase.
Midnapore	44	69	25
Shahabad	38	61	23
Gya	47	66	19
Purneah	27	39	12
Dacca	50	60	10

A reference to previous returns will show that those for 1885 were abnormally high in Burdwan, Beerbhoom, 24-Pergunnahs, and Mozufferpore, and were abnormally low in Gya, Midnapore, and Purneah, so that a fair comparison in respect of these districts cannot be made with the returns of that year, the number of cases under trial being above the average of other years. The cases in Mymensingh and Durbhungah were, however, much less numerous.

In Khulna the number of cases committed or referred to the Sessions Court was 24 in the past, as against 30 in the previous year. This decrease is reported to be due partly to the settlement of the dispute between the Gobardanga and Hooghly zemindars, which terminated through the purchase by the former of the cause of the feud, *viz.*, the old hât, the vendees thus owning both the old and new hâts.

Average duration of cases.

34. The average duration of cases under trial before the Courts of Session was 48·2 days in the past, as compared with 45·5 days in the previous year. The averages are most remarkable in the following Courts:—

	Days.			Days.	
	1885.	1886.		1885.	1886.
Bhaugulpore	34·2	181·3	Bankura	33·7	25·8
Singbhoom	23·2	80·6	Noakholly	35·5	32·3
Balasore	57·2	72·	Backergunge	57 9	33·4
Manbhoom	53·3	68·8	Darjeeling	82·4	33·9
Jessore	58·8	65·7	Cuttack	49·1	34·2
Lohardugga	49·5	61·9	Rungpore	50·1	31·2
Khulna	66·9	59·	Moorshedabad	40·1	34·7
Dinagepore	51·5	58·4	Howrah	30·2	34 8
Pubna	67·	56·9	Purneah	39 5	34·8
Hazareebagh	46·	51·8	Gya	43·8	34·9
Mymensingh	57·1	51·	Beerbhoom	34·1	35·1
Hooghly	43·6	50·6	Nuddea	30·1	35·4
Monghyr	42·6	50·3			
Tipperah	37·4	50·			

In the Sessions Court at Bhaugulpore a lunatic, who had been awaiting trial for over 14 years, was tried during the year under review. Omitting that case the average duration of Sessions trials in that Court was 52·7 days. The delay in the trials in other cases was due to commitments of cases made just after the close of one Sessions, the trials of which were deferred until the next Sessions. There always must be some delay in holding Sessions in Chota-Nagpore from the peculiar constitution of that Division.

Number of persons under trials.

Table G.

35. The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of Session was 3,109 in the past, as compared with 3,271 in the previous year, and 3,212 in 1884. As might have been expected, the number of persons, like the number of cases under trial, was less than in any of the previous five years.

Remaining at the end of 1885	403
Persons whose cases were transferred from another Court	43
Persons received on commitment or reference or on remand for re-trial	2,663
Total	3,109

More than 100 persons were under trial in each of the following Courts of Session :—

24-Pergunnahs	192
Midnapore	159
Mymensingh	140
Gya	137
Shahabad	121
Dacca	120
Pubna	112
Nuddea	111
Lohardugga	111
Patna	108
Purneah	102

It is remarkable that in the Sessions Court of the 24-Pergunnahs the number of cases under trial should have been considerably less, while the number of persons under trial exceeded that of the previous year.

Results of trials.

36. The following statement shows the result of trials in 1885 and 1886 and as regards persons whose cases were referred to the High Court under Sections 307 and 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure :—

	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Percentage convicted.
1885	1,230	1,602	56·5
1886	1,188	1,528	56·2

Including cases in which sentence of death was passed subject to confirmation by the High Court, 56·4 per cent. of those tried were convicted by the Courts of Session. The following are the districts in which the largest proportion of convictions resulted :—

	Per cent.
Darjeeling	92·3(*a*)
Chumparun	82·5
Hazareebagh	75·
Shahabad	74·1
Singbhoom	70· (*b*)
Chittagong	69·
Bhaugulpore	68·6
Howrah	68·1
Bogra	68·

(*a*) Only 15 persons tried. (*b*) Only 10 persons tried.

On the other hand, the proportion was low in the following districts :—

	Per cent.
Bankura	21·2
Burdwan	36·9
Durbhungah	37·8
Monghyr	39·1
Moorshedabad	41·8

Number of witnesses examined.

37. The number of witnesses in attendance before the Courts of Session was 17,651 in the past, as against 18,691 in the previous year. The number examined was 11,019, as against 11,588 in 1885. The number of days, during which the 17,651 witnesses in attendance during 1886 were detained, is shown in the margin. The number of witnesses discharged without examination is smaller than in 1885, but the returns are still large in proportion to those in attendance.

Tables J and K.

Discharged on the 1st day	8,494
„ „ 2nd „	4,062
„ „ 3rd „	2,353
„ after the 3rd day	2,742
	17,651

The number of witnesses detained for more than three days is less than in any of the previous four years; but on the other hand, the number discharged on the third day of their attendance is considerably in excess. Every effort is made to ensure promptness of trial so as to mitigate the hardships thus caused; but, as remarked in the Report of 1885, the fact that less than one-half of the witnesses attending the Courts of Session were discharged on the first day of their attendance is not satisfactory.

The districts in which the greatest number of witnesses were detained for more than three days were—

Dacca	217
Mymensingh	216
Dinagepore	202
Bankura	185
Nuddea	178
Hazareebagh	165
Patna	160
Gya	150
Midnapore	149
Burdwan	114

No witnesses were detained for more than three days in the Courts of Session at Bhaugulpore, Bogra, Durbhungah, Julpaiguri, Mozufferpore, and Noakholly, while none were kept in attendance beyond two days in the Courts at Chumparun, Khulna, Monghyr, Singbhoom, and Tipperah. The Sessions Judge of Mymensingh explains that the cause of the detention for more than three days of so large a number of witnesses as 216 in his Court is no doubt due to the fact that the number of days allowed for the trial in the Sessions Court was frequently insufficient, and that the cases took much longer time to dispose of than was anticipated. The Sessions Judge of Moorshedabad also gives a similar explanation. He states that one of the cases of murder tried by him lasted from the 9th to the 16th of June 1886. There were 15 witnesses for the prosecution and 13 witnesses for the defence, all of whom were discharged on the 6th day of the trial. The case which followed was one of culpable homicide under Section 304, Indian Penal Code, in which there were 11 witnesses for the prosecution, all of whom were discharged on the 6th day. The trial of this case was delayed four days in consequence of the inability of the Court to dispose of the preceding case within the time the committing Magistrate reported it was likely to occupy. This, as in previous years, is the explanation generally given regarding the long detention of witnesses, but, as stated in the Report for 1885, the Court is of opinion, and has pointed out to the officers concerned, that with better arrangements between the Magistrates and the Sessions Judges these long detentions might have been reduced if not avoided.

Diet-money.

38. The amount of diet-money, &c., paid to witnesses in the Courts of Session was R12,062 in the past, as compared with R15,617 in the previous year.

This general result is probably due to the smaller number of witnesses in attendance during the year under report.

The decrease is reported from all but 13 Courts of Session in the Province, and is most marked in the returns of the Courts in the following districts:—

Districts.	Amount paid as expenses.		Decrease.
	1885.	1886.	
Dacca	1,292	651	641
Rajshahye	807	187	620
Beerbhoom	849	286	563
Burdwan	914	404	510
Moorshedabad	845	353	492
Rungpore	756	340	416
Furreedpore	888	562	326
Noakholly	366	82	284
24-Pergunnahs	873	594	279
Backergunge	472	227	245
Julpaiguri	243	...	243
Bhaugulpore	407	175	232

It will be observed that no expenses were paid to witnesses attending the Court of Session at Julpaiguri.

In the following districts the returns of money so expended showed the greatest increase—

	Amount paid as expenses.		Increase.
	1885.	1886.	
Bankura	428	1,169	741
Midnapore	357	810	453
Mymensingh	398	700	302
Nuddea	267	472	205

39. The districts in which trials by Jury were held and offences which were so triable remained as in previous years. The number of such trials was 284 in the past, as compared with 348 during the previous year. Of the 284 cases tried by Jury during the past year, the Sessions Judges approved of the verdict of the Jury in 239 cases, disapproved of it wholly in 29 cases, and partially in 16 cases. In 22 cases only did Sessions Judges disagree with the verdicts so completely as to consider it necessary for the ends of justice to submit the cases to the High Court as a Court of Reference. As in previous years, this matter will be mentioned in connection with proceedings before the High Court. Jury trials. *Statement 7.*

The Sessions Judge of Moorshedabad reports that the 8 cases tried during 1886 in which he dissented from the verdict of the Jury, either wholly or partially, consisted of 1 of kidnapping, 1 of house-breaking and theft, 3 of culpable homicide, 1 of attempt to commit murder, 1 of theft after preparation made for causing death, and 1 of unnatural offence. In all these cases he states the evidence was satisfactory, but in only 2 was it sufficiently strong to justify a reference to the High Court under Section 307 of

the Code of Criminal Procedure. In one of the cases so referred, all the prisoners (5) were convicted; in the other, the High Court, while concurring with the Sessions Judge's dissent, directed a new trial which on precisely the same evidence resulted in an acquittal. On a second reference to the High Court that verdict was upheld. The Sessions Judge adds that his views that it is undesirable that homicidal cases should be submitted to a Jury are well known and need not be repeated, and that the inability of the Jury to judge the value of circumstantial evidence and their reluctance under any circumstances to act upon confessions, if retracted in the Sessions Court, are notorious.

In the case of 4 out of 6 persons, whose cases were referred to the High Court by the Sessions Judge of Patna under Section 307 of the Code during 1886, the High Court convicted, and in two cases declined to interfere. The Sessions Judge states that he again endorses, with, perhaps, a very slight modification of emphasis, the unfavourable opinion he expressed in the Report for 1885 on the working of the Jury system in Patna.

In the Court of Session at Hooghly there were 7 cases in which the Sessions Judge dissented from the verdict of the Jury, acquitting 10 accused persons. Four of these cases were referred to the High Court and resulted in the conviction of 4 persons.

Two cases were referred under Section 307 of the Code of Criminal Procedure by the Sessions Judge of Nuddea, in which the High Court set aside the verdicts of acquittal of the Jury, and convicted all the accused.

In the Court of Session of the 24-Pergunnahs, out of 82 cases tried by Jury, in only 5 cases was their verdict not approved of, and of these, 4 cases involving 5 persons were referred to the High Court which upheld the verdict of the Jury in respect of 4 persons, and reversed it in respect of 1 person only.

Trial by Assessors.

40. The number of trials held with the aid of Assessors was 1,046 in the past, as compared with 1,047 held in the previous year. In 778 cases the Sessions Judges concurred with the opinions of both the Assessors. In 138 cases they differed from the opinion of one, and in 130 cases from the opinion of both of the Assessors.

MAGISTRATES' COURTS.

V.—PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATES.

Number of cases brought to trial, determined, and pending.

Table E

41. The statement given in the margin, shows the number of cases brought to trial, determined, and pending in the Courts of the Presidency Magistrates during the past two years. As in previous years, cases instituted under Section 347 of the Calcutta Municipal Act before Justices of the Peace have not been included, as no returns of such cases are made to the High Court. It will be observed that there was a considerable increase in the amount of business in the Courts of the Presidency Magistrates, but notwithstanding this the files were kept under control.

	1885.	1886.
Brought to trial . . .	29,441	33,724
Determined	29,438	33,722
Pending	36	36

42. The figures on the margin, show the relative number of cases decided, respectively, by Presidency Magistrates sitting singly and by Benches of Magistrates. The bulk of the business has, as hitherto, been done by the paid Presidency Magistrates. There is little variation in the number of cases tried by the Benches of Magistrates.

	Number of cases decided	
	1885.	1886.
By Presidency Magistrates sitting singly	18,701	23,251
By Benches of Magistrates .	10,737	10,471

43. The total number of persons under trial before the Presidency Magistrates was 44,594 in the past, as compared with 39,113 in the previous year. Of the total number of persons tried during the year under review, 4,405 were either acquitted or discharged, 40,095 were convicted, 2 died, escaped, or were transferred to other Courts, and 48 were committed to the Sessions. Results of trials. *Table H.*

The results of trials before each class of tribunal during the year are shown below—

	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Percentage of convictions.
Stipendiary Magistrates	2,527	30,867	92·4
Benches of Magistrates	1,878	9,228	83·
TOTAL	4,405	40,095	90·1

On a comparison with the corresponding figures for 1885 given in the report for that year, it will be observed that the proportion of convictions by Stipendiary Magistrates has varied very slightly, while the proportion for Benches of Magistrates exceeds that of 1885 by 1·1 per cent.

VI.—COURTS OUTSIDE THE PRESIDENCY TOWN.

44. The following table shows the number of cases brought to trial and disposed of in the Courts of Magistrates in the Mofussil during each of the past two years, as also the number remaining undisposed of at the close of each of those years respectively— Number of cases brought to trial, disposed of and pending, 1885 and 1886, in the Mofussil. *Table E.*

	Brought to trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1885	118,100	117,662	3,330
1886	123,491	123,300	3,389

Notwithstanding the increase in the amount of business before Magistrates during the year, they have been able to deal with it without allowing their files to fall into arrear. The following statement shows in detail the amount of work done by paid and unpaid Magistrates and the number employed during the past two years :—

	Cases.
In 1885, 390 Stipendiary Magistrates disposed of	88,301
„ 1886, 383 „ „ „	91,758
„ 1885, 1,541 Honorary „ „	28,362
„ 1886, 1,606 „ „ „	31,542

The returns of the following districts are most conspicuous as regards the increase in the number of cases brought to trial—

	1885.	1886.	Increase.
24-Pergunnahs	10,914	12,135	1,221
Howrah	4,158	4,937	779
Mozufferpore	2,465	3,198	733
Hooghly	4,320	4,926	606
Monghyr	3,136	3,692	556
Tipperah	2,489	2,953	464
Backergunge	3,294	3,722	428
Noakholly	1,744	2,130	386
Chittagong	2,204	2,548	344
Gya	2,986	3,327	341
Pubna	1,682	2,015	333
Bankura	1,134	1,464	330

On the other hand, the returns of the following districts show the greatest decrease—

	1885.	1886.	Decrease
Patna	5,881	5,467	414
Dinagepore	2,940	2,531	409
Pooree	2,476	2,126	350
Hazareebagh	1,639	1,293	346
Burdwan	4,049	3,743	306

A decrease to a smaller extent has been returned from only 12 districts besides those mentioned.

Distribution of business.

Statement 4.

45. The number of cases tried by the Magistrates of the several grades and by Benches, during each of the past two years by the ordinary and by summary procedure, are given below—

	Tried regularly.		Tried summarily.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Special Magistrates . . .	73	53	...	...
Honorary „ . . .	1,592	1,176	29	35
Stipendiary „ . . .	71,496	71,231	16,263	18,902
Benches of „ . . .	10,077	10,134	16,590	20,144
District „ . . .	663	859	470	583
TOTAL .	83,901	83,453	33,352	39,664

The general character of these returns, as compared with those of previous years, calls for no remark.

References under Sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code.

46. Besides the cases so shown, District and Divisional Magistrates disposed of 183 cases referred to them by subordinate Magistrates under Sections 347 and 349 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The corresponding number for 1885 was 409 and 162 for 1884.

Amount of work done by District Magistrates.

47. The number of criminal cases decided by the District Magistrates in their judicial capacity, during each of the past two years, is given below—

	Number of cases tried	
	1885.	1886
Cases referred under Sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code	409	183
Cases dealt with under ordinary powers . . .	1,121	1,431
Cases dealt with under special powers under Section 34, Criminal Procedure Code	12	11
TOTAL .	1,542	1,625

It is thus shown that as compared with 1885, District Magistrates as Courts of original jurisdiction have tried a larger number of cases.

The largest number of cases were tried by the District Magistrates of Chumparun (156), Pooree (154), Cuttack (149), Dinagepore(117), Noakholly (111), Beerbhoom (106), Singbhoom (65), and Backergunge (62); and the smallest numbers by the District Magistrates of the 24-Pergunnahs (1), Moorshedabad (2), Dacca and Mozufferpore (3 each), Khulna (4), Rungpore (5), Mymensingh (6), Balasore (8), Tipperah (9), and Rajshahye (11). The District Magistrates of Cuttack, Dinagepore, and Singbhoom were shown in the Report for 1885 to have tried the largest number of cases during that year also. The District Magistrate of the 24-Pergunnahs tried, as shown above, only one case during the year under report. In 1884 and 1885, however, he tried no original cases.

48. The number of cases decided by Deputy Commissioners in the exercise of the special powers conferred on them by Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was 11 in the past, as compared with 12 in the previous year. These 11 cases were so tried by the Deputy Commissioners of the districts noted on the margin, and 2 of them were referred to the Court of Session for confirmation of sentences of imprisonment for a term exceeding three years.

Cases dealt with under Section 34, Criminal Procedure Code.

Darjeeling	3
Hazareebagh	4
Manbhoom	2
Singbhoom	2

49. The following table shows the average duration of cases decided during the past two years, by the several classes of Magistrates :—

Average duration of cases.

	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	
	1885.	1886.
Special and Honorary Magistrates	5·	6·
Benches of Magistrates	5·4	4·3
Stipendiary Magistrates other than District Magistrates	12·3	11·8
District Magistrates	9·6	7·2
All Magistrates in the interior	10·6	9·8

On the whole, cases have been more expeditiously dealt with than in the previous year. The average duration of trials before Special and Honorary Magistrates was higher than in 1885 and even higher than in 1883 when, as stated in the Report for 1885, it was 5·8 days, but the cases tried by these officers were comparatively few in number.

50. The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of the Magistrates in the districts was 186,560* in the past, as compared with 177,795 in the previous year. The Return of 1885 was below the average of previous years, but that of 1886, though in excess of that of any of the five previous years except 1883, gives a little above the average number. On the margin details are given, showing the manner in which these persons were brought to trial. On comparing these returns with those of the preceding four years, it will be seen that, while the number of persons sent in under arrest by the Police is much smaller than in any of those years, that of persons brought to trial on summons is considerably in excess. There is no material variation in other respects.

Number of persons under trial.

Table H.

Under arrest by Police	79,804
Upon warrant	11,580
On summons	85,826
Voluntarily	3,243

51. Omitting persons entered as "committed or referred" and persons who died, escaped, or were transferred, the total number of persons whose cases were decided during the past year, was 177,507. Of these 109,128, or 61·4 per cent., were convicted, and 38·6 per cent. were acquitted or discharged. These results vary very slightly from those derived in 1885. The percentage of convictions in the past year was highest in the following districts :—

Total number of persons tried, and with what results

	Percentage convicted.
Darjeeling	79·6
24-Pergunnahs	76·1
Patna	73 5
Howrah	70·4
Singbhoom	68·4
Durbhungah	67·
Backergunge	65·8
Mozufferpore	64·1
Dinagepore	63·5
Moorshedabad	63·4

* These figures include remanets from the previous year, and double entries in some cases, *e.g.*, of persons referred to another Court for a higher punishment, persons transferred from one district to another, &c.

And it was lowest in the following districts—

	Percentage convicted.
Pubna	46·7
Chumparun	51·1
Midnapore	52·1
Chittagong	52·3
Noakholly	53·1
Khulna	53·3
Shahabad	54·2
Manbhoom	54·2
Jessore	54·7
Bankura	54·8

The general result of trials before the Magistrates of each class is given below—

	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Percentage of convictions.
Special Magistrates	26	71	73·1
Honorary „	637	1,258	66 3
Stipendiary „	55,583	81,289	59·3
Benches of „	11,442	24,997	68·5
District „	691	1,513	68·6

Trials—regular, summary; sentences—appealable, non-appealable.

52. The mode of trial and the nature of the sentences passed in the case of persons convicted, are shown in the following table:—

	On regular trial.	On summary trial.
Sentence appealable	41,150	7,498
„ not appealable	31,260	29,220

The number of persons convicted on summary trial by the various classes of tribunals is thus returned—

Honorary Magistrates	33
Stipendiary „	19,043
Benches of „	16,941
District „	701

Details of persons awaiting trial.

53. Excluding lunatics, the total number of persons awaiting trial before Magistrates at the close of 1886 was 5,817, as compared with 5,717 at the close of 1885, and 5,534 at the close of 1884.

Table I.

Details are given on the margin, showing the manner in which the attendance of the persons awaiting trial at the close of 1886, was secured. Excluding the cases of lunatics, the duration of the pending trials is thus shown:—

In custody	714
On bail	4,291
On recognizance	780
Otherwise	32

More than 6 months	1
„ 3 „	82
„ 2 „	147
„ 1 month	788
Not exceeding 1 month	4,799

The information thus given regarding the cases remaining under trial, is very far from satisfactory. The case under trial for more than six months is reported from Balasore, while the districts in which the 82 persons shown to have been under trial for more than three months are—Khulna (40), Pubna (10), Chittagong (8), Dinagepore (6), Moorshedabad (5), Noakholly (4), Burdwan (3), Nuddea (2), and Cuttack, Pooree, Hooghly, and Durbhungah (1 in each).

As in previous years, the explanations submitted by Magistrates regarding such delays have been periodically considered by the High Court and the neces-

sary orders have been communicated to the officers concerned. In very few instances has the High Court been able to regard the explanations offered regarding the cause of these protracted trials to be satisfactory. This is a matter which will be noticed hereafter on review of the general administration.

54. The number of witnesses examined in the Courts of Magistrates in the districts was 413,845 in the past, as compared with 410,602 in the previous year, and 410,955 in 1884. The districts in which the greatest variations in the figures for the past two years have occurred are given below— Number of witnesses examined. *Table J.*

	1885.	1886.	Increase.		1885.	1886.	Decrease.
Tipperah	11,215	14,372	3,157	24-Pergunnahs	29,764	25,312	4,452
Monghyr	10,005	12,832	2,827	Mymensingh	20,779	17,811	2,968
Noakholly	7,123	8,627	1,504	Rungpore	11,061	9,228	1,833
Chittagong	6,822	8,268	1,446	Shahabad	13,321	11,632	1,689
Pubna	8,335	9,720	1,385	Midnapore	13,714	12,128	1,586
Maldah	3,690	5,050	1,360	Hazareebagh	7,593	6,383	1,210
Backergunge	14,677	15,957	1,280	Mozufferpore	7,501	6,541	960
Nuddea	11,719	12,803	1,084	Patna	10,966	10,068	898
Gya	11,236	12,172	936	Khulna	7,429	6,570	859
Howrah	8,782	9,567	785	Dinagepore	7,632	6,833	799
Bhaugulpore	8,624	9,403	779				
Durbhungah	6,768	7,536	768				

The large number of witnesses (124,449) in attendance before Magistrates and discharged without being examined is remarkable. There is some reason to believe that the discretion given by the Code of Criminal Procedure to Magistrates before granting summons for the attendance of witnesses is not sufficiently exercised, and that processes are rarely if ever withheld.

55. The amount paid to witnesses on account of their expenses was ₹12,992 during the year under review, as compared with ₹15,470 in the previous year. The decrease is reported from all but 16 districts in the Province, and is conspicuous in the following districts:— Diet-money.

	1885	1886.	Decrease.
Rajshahye	739	135	604
Burdwan	1,413	842	571
Midnapore	1,405	894	511
Chumparun	491	61	430
Hazareebagh	327	49	278
Rungpore	404	148	256
24-Pergunnahs	833	587	246
Nuddea	388	171	217
Bhaugulpore	505	298	207

The greatest increase is to be found in the returns of the following three out of the 16 districts alluded to above:—

	1885.	1886.	Increase.
Hooghly	405	1,100	695
Chittagong	442	881	439
Noakholly	216	527	311

56. The number of days during which witnesses were kept in attendance in the Magistrates' Courts before being discharged is given in the margin. The largest number of witnesses was detained for more than three days in the districts of Chittagong (1,221), Dacca (1,096), Midnapore (790), Noakholly (577), Pooree (443), Backergunge (398), Khulna (343), Tipperah (337), Nuddea (283), Furreedpore (250), Monghyr (236), and Gya (235). No witnesses were detained for more than three days in the Courts of Magistrates in Maldah and Sarun. Detention of witnesses. *Table K.*

Discharged on the 1st day	420,568
" " 2nd "	86,543
" " 3rd "	23,064
" after the 3rd "	8,099
	538,294

The general result is very unsatisfactory and contrasts unfavourably with the returns of previous years. This matter was prominently noticed in the Report of 1885. Every effort has been made by the High Court to improve the administration in this respect, but as yet without any apparent effect. The explanations offered by the Magistrates for these detentions or in regard to the protracted trials mentioned in a previous paragraph are generally insufficient. The responsibility is with the District Magistrates to whose imperfect supervision of the work of their subordinates and unequal distribution of business the detention of witnesses is mainly due.

The following abstracts will serve to show generally the character of the explanations offered for these detentions. The long detention of witnesses in Monghyr, Nuddea, and Patna is attributed to a paucity of officers in the district. The Magistrate of the last-named district adds that a statement proving this was submitted to Government, and the deduction acknowledged to be correct, but the assistance which was sent has lately been withdrawn.

The Magistrate of Pooree and the Deputy Commissioner of Hazareebagh attribute the long detention of witnesses to other departmental duties interfering with the judicial work. One of the Deputy Magistrates in Pooree, before whom a large number of witnesses was detained for long periods, explains that during the first two quarters of 1886, the current duties of the Magistrate's and Collector's office left him very little time for judicial work, while the number of cases on his file was considerable. He was relieved, he states, of the current duties on the District Magistrate taking over charge of the district on the 21st of June 1886, and gradually he was relieved of the Registration and Treasury business on the 1st September 1886 and 9th of May 1887, respectively, so as to enable him to devote sufficient time to judicial work. The District Magistrate adds, that he has since relieved the Deputy Magistrate to a great extent, and he hopes to see a great improvement in the discharge of witnesses in his and other Subordinate Courts at Pooree during the current year. The Deputy Commissioner of Hazareebagh reports that the detention of a large number of witnesses in that district was due partly to the ill-health of the Deputy Magistrate before whom they appeared, and partly to that officer having been in charge of the Road-cess and Registration Departments, the duties of which took up a good deal of his time.

The District Magistrate of Backergunge reports that he has had occasion to find serious fault with the remissness of his Subordinate Magistrates in the matter of the prompt discharge of witnesses.

In Shahabad the number of witnesses detained for more than three days was only 89 in 1886, against 281 in 1885. The District Magistrate is of opinion that there is still room for improvement, and he has been impressing on Magistrates the propriety of finishing each day's cases before leaving office, and of extra exertion at times when there is a press of work. The District Magistrate is not satisfied with the explanations of delay furnished in some cases, but regrets that he has none other to offer.

There was an increase in the number and proportion of witnesses detained in Howrah, which the District Magistrate considers very unsatisfactory, especially as he knows that subordinates are not content with keeping witnesses to the following day, but fix dates some days in advance for subsequent appearance. The Magistrate adds that the right to re-examine witnesses after preparation of the charge also accounts for the detention in some instances. He believes this right to be frequently exercised unnecessarily, but that each case must be left to the discretion of the trying Magistrate, and he is quite satisfied that cases might be disposed of much more promptly than they are, if the Courts exercised proper firmness in checking pleaders and mukhtears.

The Sub-Divisional Officer of Serampore remarks that the bad results, respecting the detention of witnesses in the Court of one of the Deputy Magistrates employed in the Sub-division, are due to the fact that that officer does not exert his authority in checking prolix cross-examination, and as an illustration he refers to a case of hurt under Section 324 of the Indian Penal Code of the simplest description, which was recently decided by the officer in question, in which the assault was admitted, and yet the witnesses in this case were detained for more than three days. The District Magistrate fully agrees with the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, and adds that these remarks apply to another officer employed in the district, and that both these officers do their judicial work very badly.

VII.—PUNISHMENTS.

57. In trials held by the High Court in its Original Criminal Jurisdiction, two persons were sentenced to death, two were sentenced to transportation for life, and two for a term, and 28 persons, including one European British subject, were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, of whom one was also sentenced to a whipping. Of the 28 persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, one was sentenced for a term exceeding 7 years, 23 for terms varying from 2 to 7 years, and 4 for terms varying from 6 months to 2 years; among the latter is included the European British subject. High Court *Statement 5.*

No sentence of fine was passed during the past year, and no portion of the fine of ₹2,000 imposed during 1885 and unrealised at the close of that year, was realised during the year under report.

58. The following sentences were passed by the Courts of Session during the past two years:— Courts of Session.

		1885.	1886.
Death		49	34
Transportation	for life	99	76
	for a term	82	74
Imprisonment	rigorous	1,293	1,287
	simple	24	15
Forfeiture of property		...	...
Fine		122	61
Whipping		17	17

Of those sentenced to fine, 59—and of those sentenced to be whipped, 13—were also sentenced to some additional punishment. Of the 1,287 persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, that sentence in the case of 17 persons included terms of solitary confinement, and 24 persons were sentenced to imprisonment on failure to furnish security for good behaviour.

Sentences of imprisonment were passed for the following terms:—

	1885.	1886.
Not exceeding 15 days	12	20
„ 6 months	168	182
„ 2 years	363	351
„ 7 „	713	693
Above 7 years	61	56

In addition to these, two persons were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for terms varying from 2 to 7 years in cases tried by District Magistrates under the special powers described in Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, in one instance a fine of ₹100 being inflicted in addition. One person was sentenced to transportation for a term in a case referred to the Sessions Judge of Burdwan for confirmation of a sentence passed by the Assistant Sessions Judge of Bankura.

Sentences of fine by Courts of Session.

59. The fines imposed by Sessions and Assistant Sessions Judges amounted to R14,677 in the past, as compared with R13,534 in the previous year. The amount of fines unrealised in previous years and fines imposed during the past year, which were realised during its course, was R4,295, as compared with R3,802 realised in 1885. The amount of fines realised and paid away as compensation was R100 in 1886, as compared with R182 paid away in 1885.

Presidency Magistrates.

60. The following statement shows the punishments imposed by Presidency Magistrates during each of the past two years :—

		1885.	1886.
Imprisonment	rigorous	1,360	1,637
	simple	51	68
Fine		29,685	34,429
Whipping		84	92

Besides 1,705 persons thus shown as sentenced to imprisonment, 4 persons were sentenced to rigorous, and 2 persons to simple imprisonment for terms not exceeding one year on failure to furnish security for good behaviour.

In addition to the persons sentenced as just stated, 3,345 persons were warned and discharged, 187 persons were ordered to pay hackney carriage fare, 129 seamen were sentenced to forfeit their wages, 11 deserters were made over to the Military Authorities, 48 vagrants were sent to the Government Work-house, 58 persons were ordered to have their children vaccinated, 125 workmen were required to fulfil their contracts, and 9 women were directed to discontinue the keeping of brothels.

Details of sentences.

61. The details of the sentences of imprisonment passed are thus classified :—

	1885.	1886.
Not exceeding 15 days	261	396
„ „ 6 months	934	1,124
„ „ 2 years	219	191
Exceeding 2 years	2	...

62. The total amount of fines imposed was R87,118, as compared with R73,911 in the previous year; the amount realised being R80,112, as compared with R68,416.

63. The sentences of whipping passed during each of the past two years may be thus described :—

	1885.	1886.
10 stripes and under	58	67
20 „ „	25	24
30 „ „	1	1

Sentences by Provincial Magistrates' Courts.

64. The following statement shows the sentences passed by Magistrates in the districts outside of Calcutta during the past two years :—

		1885.	1886.
Fine	with imprisonment	4,186	3,838
	without „	71,240	77,240
Whipping	sole punishment	1,496	1,263
	additional „	161	117
Imprisonment	rigorous	24,235	22,543
	simple	823	843
Forfeiture of property		2	...

There was, therefore, a considerable increase in the number of sentences of simple fine, while sentences of whipping have decreased. Of 22,543 persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, the sentences of 77 include a term of solitary confinement. As compared with 1885, this sort of punishment appears to have been resorted to very freely during the year under report. Six hundred and fifty-six of the persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment and 12 of those sentenced to simple imprisonment were so sentenced on failing to furnish security for good behaviour.

Besides the sentences above described, 193 workmen were required to fulfil their contracts, 9 persons were warned and discharged, 7,826 persons were required to find sureties or to give recognizance to keep the peace, 880 of this number having been convicted of offences involving a breach of the peace, and 807 were required to give sureties for good behaviour, 668 of whom, as stated above, were sentenced to imprisonment on default.

Details of sentences of imprisonment.

65. The sentences of imprisonment passed during 1885 and 1886, respectively, may be thus classified:—

	1885.	1886.
Not exceeding 15 days	5,424	5,143
„ „ 6 months	15,166	14,050
„ „ 2 years	4,436	4,154
Exceeding 2 years	32	39

Whipping.

66. The sentences of whipping passed during each of the past two years may be thus described:—

	1885.	1886.
10 stripes and less	692	579
20 „ „	745	602
30 „ „	220	199

Reference to the returns of previous years will show that sentences of whipping have been less frequent than in any of the previous three years except 1883.

Fines. *Table L.*

67. The total amount of fines imposed and realised, and the amount paid by way of compensation, during each of the past two years, are thus returned—

	Imposed.	Realised.	Paid as compensation.
	R	*R*	*R*
1885	5,85,343	5,22,919	35,715
1886	6,17,717	5,34,236	41,336

Details of sentences of whipping. (All Courts.) *Table L 1.*

68. The total number of persons sentenced to whipping by all the Criminal Courts in the Province was 1,490 in the past, as compared with 1,758 in the previous year; the percentage of whippings to other punishments being ·99 in 1886, and 1·2 in 1885, as against 1·1 in 1884 and 1·08 in 1883.

The number of convicted persons who rendered themselves liable under the provisions of Act VI of 1864 to a sentence of whipping, either as the sole or as an additional punishment, was 25,219 in the past, as compared with 27,091 in the previous year. The proportion actually punished with whipping was 5·9 per cent. in the past year, as compared with 6·48 per cent. in 1885, 6·19 per cent. in 1884, and 4·76 per cent. in 1883. The proportion in this respect varied from 14·9 per cent. in Chumparun to ·2 in Hooghly.

Reformatory School Act. *Statement 5.*

69. Sixty-three juveniles were sentenced to detention in a Reformatory School during the year under review, as against 59 in 1885, 100 in 1884, and 44 in 1883. These sentences were passed in only 22 districts including Calcutta; the largest number being reported from Calcutta (9), Sarun (8), Howrah (7), Patna (5), and Gya (5). Fifty-three juveniles were so sentenced by Magistrates in the interior, 9 by Presidency Magistrates, and 1 by the Sessions Judge of Shahabad.

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VIII.—THE HIGH COURT.

Appeals from sentences or orders. *Table P.*

70. The following table shows the number of appeals from the sentences or orders of the Criminal Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal, instituted and decided in the High Court during each of the years 1884, 1885, and 1886, as also the number pending at the close of each of those years:—

	1884.	1885.	1886.
Instituted	697	845	776
Decided	709	862	751
Pending	50	32	57

The number of appeals preferred and decided was greater than in any of the previous five years except 1885.

Of the appeals preferred during the past year, one was against a sentence passed by the Sessions Judge and Chief Commissioner of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. An appeal against a sentence passed by the Recorder of Rangoon remained under trial at the close of 1885. Both these appeals were decided during the year under report, the convictions and sentences being affirmed.

Appeals from judgments of acquittal.

71. No appeal against a judgment of acquittal was preferred by the Local Government during the year under review.

Appeals from persons convicted.

72. The number of appeals preferred against the sentences of Presidency Magistrates was 50 in the past, as compared with 64 in the previous year, and only 12 in 1884. Of those heard during 1885, in 42 the orders were confirmed, and in 4 they were modified or reversed. Six remained undecided at the close of the year. Five appeals were preferred in 1886, and 1 remained undecided at the close of 1885 against the orders of the Judicial Commissioner of Chota-Nagpore confirming the sentences passed by the Deputy Commissioners of Singbhoom and Manbhoom in exercise of the special powers described in Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Five of these six appeals were heard and decided during the year with the following results: in three cases the appeals were summarily rejected; in one the sentence was confirmed, and in another it was reduced. The remaining appeal abated in consequence of the death of the appellant. Excluding these appeals and the appeal against the order of the Sessions Judge and Chief Commissioner of the Andamans, 720 appeals were preferred from the sentences of the ordinary Sessions Courts during the year and including those that remained undecided at the close of 1885, there were altogether 748 such appeals on the files during 1886. Of these 696 were decided with the results noted on the margin, 1 appeal abated on the death of the appellant, and 51 remained under trial at the close of the year.

Affirmed	578
Reversed	46
Varied	69
Remanded	3

The following statement shows the result of all appeals as affecting the cases decided during each of the past three years :—

	1884.	1885.	1886.
Affirmed	585	690	626
Reversed	51	64	48
Varied	68	102	72
Remanded	3	4	3
Otherwise	2	2	2

Result of appeals as affecting persons.

73. The following statement gives the result of appeals during the past two years with regard to the number of appellants concerned :—

	1885.	1886.
Appeals rejected	765	676
Sentence confirmed	336	288
„ enhanced	1	...
„ reduced or altered	184	120
„ annulled or proceedings quashed	134	111
New trial or further enquiry ordered	8	4

The appeals of 56·3 per cent. of the appellants were rejected in the past year, as compared with 55·5 per cent. in 1885, and 62·2 per cent. in 1884. The results of admitted appeals were as follows :—

	Percentage	
	1885.	1886.
Order of Lower Court affirmed	54·8	55·
„ „ „ modified	22·	23·
„ „ „ set aside	21 9	21·2
New trial ordered	1·3	·8

IX.—APPELLATE COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

74. The number of appeals preferred and decided in the Courts of Sessions Judges and District Magistrates during the past two years, and the number pending at the close of each of those years, respectively, were as follows :— Number of appeals filed, decided, and pending. *Table M.*

	Preferred		Decided		Pending	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Sessions Judges . .	5,808	5,860	5,720	5,890	242	211
District Magistrates .	2,939	3,155	2,985	3,121	98	132

There has, therefore, been a further increase in the number of appeals preferred, though not of much consequence in the Courts of Sessions Judges. The number of appeals to both Sessions Judges and District Magistrates, filed during each of the past eight years, is given below, together with the number of appealable cases disposed of during that period—

	Appeals to Sessions Judges.	Appeals to District Magistrates.	Appealable Cases.
1879	2,865	1,926	46,761
1880	3,275	1,903	54,108
1881	3,397	1,991	47,312
1882	3,617	1,945	49,036
1883	4,453	2,339	45,139
1884	5,087	2,655	46,294
1885	5,808	2,939	46,992*
1886	5,860	3,155	48,648

The progressive increase in the number of appeals was noticed in the Report of 1885. It is, as therein mentioned, conspicuous in contrast with the Returns of 1882 and preceding years. The advance since the operation of the Code of 1882, which deprived these Appellate Courts of the power to enhance sentences under appeal, is remarkable. The additional work thus imposed on the Courts of Session and District Magistrates is considerable.

75. In respect to the Courts of Session as Courts of Appeal, the increase was contributed by only 16 districts in the Province, and was principally in the following districts :—

	1885.	1886.	Increase.
24-Pergunnahs	244	392	148
Tipperah	132	236	104
Monghyr	96	166	70
Backergunge	186	232	46
Hooghly	102	143	41

In Chumparun and Singbhoom the figures for the past two years were stationary, while the decrease reported from the remaining 25 districts in the Province was nominal, with the exception of that reported from the following districts :—

	1885.	1886.	Decrease.
Midnapore	144	81	63
Shahabad	251	191	60
Mymensingh	431	378	53
Gya	198	158	40

76. The increase in the number of appeals preferred in Magistrates' Courts was contributed by all save 17 districts in the Province, and was chiefly in the following districts :—

	1885.	1886.	Increase.
Backergunge	64	159	95
Patna	87	176	89
Pooree	56	116	60
Rajshahye	44	104	60
Pubna	53	110	57
Midnapore	101	143	42
Bankura	8	49	41

* Revised figures.

The greatest decrease in the 17 districts alluded to above was in the following districts :—

	1885.	1886.	Decrease.
Sarun	196	135	61
Lohardugga	138	80	58
Dacca	86	30	56
Mymensingh	161	108	53
Moorshedabad	129	77	52
Maldah	97	52	45
Shahabad	157	115	42

Results of appeals as affecting persons.

Statement 6.

77. The results with regard to the appellants in the Courts of Session and District Magistrates' Courts, during the past two years, are separately shown in the following table :—

	Courts of Session.		District Magistrates' Courts.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Appeals rejected	2,151	2,184	413	522
Sentences confirmed	3,865	3,940	2,605	2,846
„ enhanced	...	...	...	...
„ reduced or altered	840	930	605	476
„ annulled or proceedings quashed	1,719	1,767	1,206	1,117
New trial or further enquiry ordered	63	75	68	77
Otherwise disposed of	1	1	2	5

The appeals of 24·5 per cent. of the appellants in the Courts of Session were rejected in the past, as compared with 24·9 per cent. in the previous year. In the Courts of Magistrates the proportion was 10·3 per cent. in 1886, as compared with 8·4 per cent. in 1885 and 8 per cent. in 1884.

The general result is more favourable to subordinate Magistrates in regard to appeals heard by District Magistrates and less favourable to Magistrates of the 1st class in regard to appeals heard by the Courts of Session.

The results of admitted appeals were as follows :—

	Percentage.			
	Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Order of Lower Court affirmed	59·57	58·69	58·07	62·96
„ „ „ modified	12·95	13·85	13·48	10·53
„ „ „ set aside	26·49	26·32	26·88	24·7
New trial ordered	·97	1·12	1·52	1·7
Otherwise disposed of	·02	·02	·05	·11

Number of appellants.

Table O.

78. The number of appellants in these cases was 13,940 in the year under report, as compared with 13,609 in 1885.

Ratio of appellants to persons having the right to appeal.

79. The proportion of persons who had a right to appeal and exercised the right was 28·6 per cent. in the past, as compared with 29·07 per cent. in the previous year. The ratio was highest in Backergunge (59·5 per cent.), Furreedpore (55·3 per cent.), Mozufferpore (54·3 per cent.), Shahabad (52·6 per cent.), and Singbhoom (50 per cent.); and lowest in Howrah (5·6 per cent.), Darjeeling (12·4 per cent.), Burdwan (13·3 per cent.), Hooghly (17·8 per cent.), Dinagepore (18·5 per cent.), Midnapore (19·3 per cent.), and Monghyr (19·7 per cent.).

The decisions of the Lower Court were affirmed in the appeals of 9,493 persons, or 68·01 per cent. of those whose appeals were decided in the past year. The proportion for 1885 was 71·5 per cent., for 1884, 67 per cent., and for 1883, 65·4 per cent.

80. The proportion of unsuccessful appellants was greatest in Singbhoom (96·7 per cent.), Chumparun (85·5 per cent.), Mymensingh (79·3 per cent.), Hazareebagh (78·7 per cent.), Bogra (78·2 per cent.), and Rungpore (76·2 per cent.), while in Maldah, Monghyr, Shahabad, Pubna, Howrah, Jessore, Pooree, Hooghly, and Dacca the proportion varied from 70·2 to 74·6 per cent. The districts where the appellants met with the greatest success were Dinagepore (where only 46·9 per cent. of the decisions were affirmed), Bhaugulpore (56·4 per cent.), and Lohardugga (57 per cent.) Appellants who were unsuccessful.

SUPERINTENDENCE, REFERENCE, AND REVISION.

X.—THE HIGH COURT.

81. The following table shows the number of cases referred from the districts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal to the High Court during the past year :— References and cases for revision. *See Table R.*

	Pending from 1885.	Filed in 1886.	Decided in 1886.	Pending at the close of 1886.
References under Section 307, Act X of 1882	3	22	24	1
References under Section 374, Act X of 1882	4	28	26	6
References under Section 432, Act X of 1882	1	2	3	...

Besides these cases, the cases of 5 persons, who, though not insane, could not be made to understand the proceedings, were referred under Section 341 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 3 by Presidency Magistrates and 2 by the Magistrates of Dacca and Sarun. These 5 cases were disposed of during the year with the result that the Court approved of the finding of the Lower Court in 2 of the cases received from the Presidency Magistrates and in the case received from Dacca. The Court did not approve of such finding in the remaining 2 cases, and directed the discharge of the accused.

82. Of the 25 cases referred under Section 307 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which were before the High Court during 1886, 24 were heard and determined with the result that in 13 the verdict of the Jury was reversed, in 9 it was affirmed, in one case it was modified, and in the remaining case a re-trial was ordered. The following statement shows the results of such references in the past year and in the three preceding years :— Result of references under Section 307, Criminal Procedure Code.

	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.
Verdict set aside	12	15	18	13
„ accepted	3	12	4	9
„ modified	...	...	...	1
New trial ordered	1	...	3	1
Heard and determined . . .	16	27	25	24

83. Sentence of death was confirmed in 16 out of the 26 references under Section 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which were heard and determined during the past year. In 4 cases the prisoners were acquitted and in 6 cases a different sentence was passed. In 2 only of the references the prisoners did not appeal to the High Court, and in these cases the orders of the Sessions Court were confirmed. References under Section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.

The largest number of references under Section 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was received during the past year from the following Courts of Session :—Jessore and the 24-Pergunnahs (3 each). The number of persons, in respect of whom sentence of death was confirmed by the High Court in each of these districts, was as follows :—Jessore (1) and the 24-Pergunnahs (2).

Cases dealt with in revision under Sections 435 and 438, Criminal Procedure Code.

84. The following statement shows the number of cases relating to the Lower Provinces of Bengal with which the High Court dealt during the past year under its powers of revision:—

	Remaining over from 1885.	Filed in 1886	Decided in 1886.	Pending at the close of 1886
Cases referred under Section 438 . . .	14	235	229	20
Cases dealt with under Section 435 . .	25	488	501	12
TOTAL .	39	723	730	22

Of the cases taken up by the High Court under Section 435 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 450 related to orders and sentences passed by Magistrates and 38 by Sessions Courts.

Result of revision as affecting cases.

85. The following statement shows the result of these proceedings in revision:—

Courts whose orders were the subject of revision.	Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	New trial ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	TOTAL.
Courts of Session	18	10	4	2	11	45
District Magistrates' Courts	29	21	8	6	1	65
Other Magistrates' Courts	336	182	51	49	2	620
TOTAL .	383	213	63	57	14	730

In 52·4 per cent. the High Court refused to interfere, while the orders of the Lower Courts were set aside in 29·1 per cent.

86. The action of the High Court as a Court of Revision in cases referred under Section 438, or directly when moved by the parties concerned or acting *suo motu* under Section 435, will appear from the following statements:—

Cases referred to the High Court under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and dealt with during 1886.

Officer making the reference.	Cases in which the High Court declined to interfere.	CASES IN WHICH THE HIGH COURT INTERFERED				TOTAL.	Percentage of cases decided in which the High Court declined to interfere.
		By enhancing the sentence	By reducing or altering the sentence	By setting aside the order sent up for revision	By directing a new trial.		
District Magistrates	25	2	4	19	12	62	40·3
Sessions Judges	43	3	15	88	18	167	25·7
TOTAL .	68	5	19	107	30	229	29·6

Cases dealt with by the High Court on motion under Section 435 of the Code of Criminal Procedure during 1886.

Class of officers whose orders were objected to.	Cases in which the Court rejected the application.	CASES IN WHICH RULES WERE GRANTED BY THE HIGH COURT					Total.	Remarks.
		And finally discharged.	And made absolute					
			In their entirety.	To the extent of		And dealt with otherwise than shown in the preceding columns.		
				Modifying the order complained of.	Directing a new trial.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Magistrates . . .	212	87	97	35	26	3*	460	*Percentage of the total number of cases decided in which the High Court declined to interfere or did not do so.* Per cent.
Sessions Judges . .	7	9	9	4	1	...	30†	Orders of Magistrates, columns 2, 3, and 7 (212 + 87 + 3) = 302 out of 460 . . . 65·6
								Orders of Sessions Judges, columns 2 and 3 (7+9) = 16 out of 30 . . 53·3
Total .	219	96	106	39	27	3	490	

* These cases were either compromised or struck off.
† Besides these, 11 cases were called for by the Court on review of Sessions Statements. In none of these, however, did the Court interfere with the orders of the Sessions Judges.

From the above statements it will be seen that the High Court refused to interfere in 29·6 per cent. of the cases referred, and that, as in 1885, the larger proportion of these orders were passed in cases referred by District Magistrates. The corresponding proportion for 1885 was 26·9 per cent. As regards cases dealt with by the Court on a motion being made to it, 34·4 per cent. of the orders passed by Magistrates and 46·7 per cent. of those passed by Sessions Judges were reversed or otherwise interfered with by the Court. The corresponding proportion for 1885 was for Magistrates 31 per cent. and Sessions Judges 64 per cent.

87. The following statement shows in detail the result of proceedings on revision as affecting persons during each of the past two years:— Result of revision as affecting persons.

	1885.	1886.
Applications rejected	535	552
Orders confirmed	302	410
Sentences enhanced	15	7
„ reduced or altered	74	107
„ reversed or quashed	417	498
New trial or further enquiry ordered	105	108

XI.—SUBORDINATE COURTS.

88. The following statement shows the number of applications for revision preferred and disposed of in the Courts of Sessions Judges and District Magistrates during each of the past two years, as well as the number pending at the close of each of those years respectively:— Number of applications for revision filed, decided, and pending. *Table N.*

	Preferred.		Decided.		Pending.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Courts of Session .	1,485	1,527	1,470	1,537	65	55
District Magistrates .	1,028	1,266	1,045	1,242	25	48
Total .	2,513	2,793	2,515	2,779	90	103

In the Courts of Session there was not much variation in the figures for the past two years in respect of the number of applications made, while in Magistrates' Courts an increase is conspicuous in the returns of Mymensingh, Noakholly, and Bogra, and, on the other hand, there was a considerable decrease in Sarun.

Number of applicants for revision. *Table O.*

89. Including accused persons against whom applications were made, who, as explained in previous reports, are not treated in the statements as "applicants for revision," the number of persons who applied for revision to the Courts other than the High Court was 5,651 in the past, as compared with 4,773 in the previous year.

The applications of 3,872, or 69·4 per cent. of the total number, were either rejected summarily, or the orders of the Lower Court were upheld in the cases in which they were concerned. The proportion in 1885 was 69·5 per cent., and 64·7 per cent. in 1884.

XII.—FINANCIAL.

The High Court. *Table S.*

90. In the Report on the Administration of Civil Justice a statement has been given, showing the total receipts and charges of the Appellate Side of the High Court. On the Criminal Side the amount of Court-fees realised during the past year was R3,731. An exact account of the charges on that Side of the Court cannot be given. Including the salaries of two Judges and of the officers exclusively employed in this department, and a share of the salary of those a part of whose time is occupied by the criminal business of the Court, the charges amounted to R1,31,788, as shown below:—

	R
Salary of Judges	95,000
Salary of establishment	33,772
Postage of covers	3,016
TOTAL	1,31,788

	R
Charges	1,31,788
Receipts	3,731
	1,28,057

The net result, as shown in the margin, is that expenditure exceeded income by R1,28,057.

Presidency Magistrates' Courts.

91. The total receipts of the Presidency Magistrates' Courts during the past year amounted to R85,589 and the total charges to R52,372, the net result being a surplus of R33,217, against a surplus of R20,963 obtained in 1885, and R22,246 in 1884.

Courts in the interior.

92. The following statement shows in detail the receipts of the Criminal Courts in the interior:—

	STAMPS.		IN CASH OR SPECIAL STAMPS.		
	Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Copying and comparing fees.	Miscellaneous.
Magistrates' Courts	2,11,524	2,50,465	5,19,020	68,485	2,04,009
Courts of Session	269	5,385	4,335	4,289	32
TOTAL	2,11,793	2,55,850	5,23,355	72,774	2,04,041

The following are the details of the charges of the Criminal Courts in the districts :— Details of charges.

	Salaries of Judicial Officers.	Establishment			Contingent.	
		Process servers.	Salaried copying and comparing clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment.	Other contingencies.
	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹
Magistrates' Courts .	11,79,012	1,00,706	7,681	3,45,938	34,027	2,34,557
Courts of Session .	3,57,163	3,130	762	23,260	1,989	18,469
TOTAL .	15,36,175	1,03,836	8,443	3,69,198	36,016	2,53,026

The amount charged to the Criminal Department on account of the salaries of Judicial officers has been determined on the principle mentioned in the reports for previous years.

93. The following figures show the receipts and charges of the Copying Department of the Criminal Courts :— Copying Department.

	₹	₹
Copying and comparing fees deposited by parties .		72,774
Deduct—		
Salary of copying and comparing clerks . . .	8,443	
Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment .	36,016	
		44,459
Surplus .		28,315

Besides the above surplus, expedition fees were also realised during the year. These are accounted for under the head " Miscellaneous " Receipts. The surplus obtained in 1885 was ₹25,287, and in 1884, ₹23,057.

94. The receipts and charges on account of the service of process in the Criminal Courts in Bengal are shown in the margin. The corresponding figures for 1885 showed a deficit of ₹2,937 in the Courts of Session, and a surplus of ₹1,00,718 in the Courts of Magistrates, or a net surplus of ₹97,781. In 1884 there was a net surplus of ₹91,738. Process Department.

	Receipts.	Charges.	Results + or —
	₹	₹	₹
Magistrates' Courts	2,11,524	1,00,706	+1,10,818
Courts of Session .	269	3,130	—2,861
TOTAL .	2,11,793	1,03,836	+1,07,957

95. The following is an abstract of the receipts and charges of all Courts :—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Results +or—
	₹	₹	₹
High Court	3,731	1,31,788	—1,28,057
Presidency Magistrates' Courts .	85,589	52,372	+33,217
Courts of Session . . .	14,310	4,04,773	—3,90,463
Magistrates' Courts . .	12,53,503	19,01,921	—6,48,418
TOTAL .	13,57,133	24,90,854	—11,33,721

The excess of expenditure over receipts amounting in the aggregate to ₹11,33,721 is common to all Courts except those of the Presidency Magistrates and as in 1885 those of the Magistrates in the districts of Purneah, Sarun, and Maldah.

As stated in previous reports, charges on account of leave or pension allowances, or expenditure incurred by other departments on account of the Criminal Courts, such as the cost of buildings, stationery, &c., have not been included in the above figures.

SUMMARY.

96. Following the plan adopted in the report for 1885, it is proposed to refer to the principal matters connected with the Administration of Justice in the Criminal Courts which have come prominently before the High Court.

97. It will be seen that the amount of business coming before the Magistrates has increased, and that the cases under trial at the end of the year are more numerous, being in excess of the returns of any of the previous five years.

98. In the aggregate a greater number of Magistrates were employed, but the Stipendiary Magistrates, on whom the burden of the work fell, were about the same in number, the increase being in the number of Honorary or unpaid Magistrates, who nearly always sit on Benches presided over by Stipendiary Magistrates. The additional work thus thrown on the Magistracy has no doubt to some extent contributed to the increase of the pending trials and to the more numerous and prolonged detention of witnesses, but there is much reason to believe that in many instances delays in the course of judicial proceedings and postponements and adjournments are due to other causes. There has often been, as recently stated by the Government of Bengal, "a tendency to undue postponement of judicial business in favour of work of an executive nature, and District Magistrates do not always, by the exercise of careful supervision, maintain a proper distribution of their subordinates' time between these two branches of their duties."

99. It is hoped that any orders that may have been issued by the Local Government on the subject will produce improvement of the Judicial administration, for the present results are certainly not satisfactory. Some of the District Magistrates in justification have complained of the want of a proper staff of officers. The result, to whatever cause due, is much to be deprecated. A more active supervision on the part of District Magistrates must no doubt lead to some improvement, but it is feared that so long as Magistrates, who are also Executive Officers, have little assurance that their promotion and advancement depend upon the character of their judicial work, substantial improvement in the administration of justice cannot be secured or maintained. The High Court are convinced that judicial business would be more efficiently transacted if it were less liable to interruptions from demands of other departments. If the work of these departments is distributed amongst all of the staff of officers, and each is responsible for, and has a strong individual interest in the efficiency of some particular work especially identified with himself, he not unreasonably rests his hopes of future advancement on that work, rather than on general reputation acquired from a large mass of judicial work affording less opportunity of receiving favourable notice.

100. For some years reports have not been required from Sessions Judges in regard to the efficiency of Subordinate Magistrates. The only report obtained from them is as to the capacity of any particular Magistrate of an inferior grade to be vested with powers of a Magistrate of the 1st class. This report a Sessions Judge is rarely in a position to give, since appeals from a Magistrate of the 2nd class do not lie to him and commitments of important cases are rarely made by so inexperienced an officer. It seems desirable that the experience of the superior judicial officers should be utilized.

101. It is suggested, for the consideration of Government, whether arrangements cannot be made by which a portion of the Magistrates in each district should, for some specified period, be employed specially and without any interruption on judicial work.

102. The degree in which Benches have worked satisfactorily has much depended on the care and attention bestowed by District Magistrates. This system

rèquires a closer supervision than the High Court, without an opportunity for actual inspection, can bring to bear on it, and has therefore hardly received the attention which it demands.

103. The large number of witnesses discharged without examination and after detention for several days is remarkable.

104. The opinion expressed by the Judges of the Sessions Courts in which trial is held by Jury is, as in previous years, unfavourable to that mode of trial in cases of homicide.

105. The business of the Appellate Courts has still further increased.

106. The amount of business coming before District Magistrates and Sessions Judges as Courts of Revision has also increased very steadily and considerably since 1882, and absorbs much of their time. Similar business in the High Court has also increased, but to a much smaller extent. Of the cases which came before the High Court, as a Court of Revision, otherwise than on report by Sessions Judges or District Magistrates, the High Court found it necessary to interfere in 35·1 per cent. only. In cases reported by District Magistrates and Sessions Judges the interference of the High Court was found necessary in 70·4 per cent. These Lower Courts, it may be added, interfered with only 24·3 per cent. of the cases dealt with finally by them in revision.

107. During the past year the Courts of the Presidency Magistrates were inspected by Mr. Justice Wilson and Mr. Justice Trevelyan.

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A

Showing the Total Number of Offences reported, of Cases struck off as False, and of True Cases in 1885 and 1886.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of offences reported.		Number of cases in which complaint was dismissed.		Number of other cases struck off as false.		Cases returned as true	
	1885	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886	1885.	1886.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of Indian Penal Code	4	6	1	3	1	1	2	2
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	3,330	3,319	366	344	160	155	2,804	2,820
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	4,445	4,712	120	122	31	25	4,294	4,565
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	3,121	3,357	88	75	35	26	2,998	3,256
Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, and Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	411	420	7	12	1	5	403	403
Offences affecting the Public Health, &c., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	6,579	6,703	57	48	23	33	6,499	6,622
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI	71,835	73,774	13,128	12,629	3,368	2,899	55,339	58,246
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII	88,934	87,172	11,883	12,408	6,243	5,592	70,808	69,172
Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	7,296	7,980	2,257	2,641	174	117	4,865	5,222
TOTAL OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	185,955	187,443	27,907	28,282	10,036	8,853	148,012	150,308
Offences under Special Laws	80,077	91,233	1,820	2,181	581	434	77,676	88,618
GRAND TOTAL	266,032	278,676	29,727	30,463	10,617	9,287	225,688	238,926

A 1

Showing the Total Number of Cases brought to Trial, with the Results of Trial, in 1885 and 1886.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year		Number of Persons				Percentage convicted.	
			Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.			
	1885.	1886.	1885	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885	1886.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code	2	2	3	2	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	2,480	2,540	3,725	3,685	6,915	7,175	64 9	66 06
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	4,149	4,310	2,206	2,327	4,340	4,668	66·3	66 7
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	2,838	3,089	1,677	1,882	1,652	1,835	49·6	49·3
Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, and Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	384	387	152	133	292	311	65 7	70·04
Offences affecting the Public Health, &c., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	6,417	6,517	668	581	9,084	8,786	93 1	93·7
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI	27,523	28,497	20,262	22,523	17,876	18,172	46·8	44·6
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII	37,390	35,678	25,046	25,346	28,049	25,844	52 8	50·5
Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	2,686	2,681	2,461	2,555	1,034	983	29 5	27·7
TOTAL OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	83,869	83,701	56,200	59,034	69,242	67,774	55·1	53·4
Offences under Special Laws	63,712	73,386	13,484	14,951	71,553	83,009	84·1	84 7
GRAND TOTAL	147,581	157,087	69,684	73,985	140,795	150,783	66·8	67·08

B

Giving Details of Comparative Table A for each District.

DISTRICTS.	Number of offences reported.		Number of cases in which complaint was dismissed under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.		Number of other cases struck off as false.		Cases returned as true.		Percentage of cases accepted as true.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Backergunge	7,113	7,704	2,046	1,798	106	135	4,961	5,771	69·7	74·9
Beerbhoom	3,035	3,407	416	461	128	162	2,491	2,784	82 07	81·7
Bhaugulpore	5,228	4,875	286	387	592	449	4,350	4,039	86 5	82·8
Monghyr	6,276	7,201	554	426	144	210	5,578	6,565	88·8	91·1
Burdwan	6,455	6,904	534	855	166	140	5,755	5,909	89·1	85·5
Bankura	2,357	2,649	232	376	337	92	1,788	2,181	75·8	82·3
Chittagong	4,476	5,651	618	510	100	167	3,758	4,974	83·9	88·
Cuttack	5,577	5,205	1,126	724	57	79	4,394	4,402	78·7	84·5
Pooree	4,549	3,654	756	441	62	43	3,731	3,170	82 01	86·7
Balasore	2,313	2,605	443	1,110	150	42	1,720	1,453	74·3	55·7
Dacca	8,493	8,509	1,557	1,743	236	190	6,700	6,576	78·8	77·2
Dinagepore	4,789	4,289	513	398	102	123	4,174	3,768	87·1	87·8
Darjeeling	2,817	2,759	79	66	104	25	2,634	2,668	93·5	96·7
Furreedpore	5,432	6,033	865	952	100	66	4,467	5,015	82·2	83·1
Gya	7,083	6,532	307	455	518	465	6,258	5,612	88 3	85·9
Hooghly	7,699	9,093	1,052	871	299	323	6,348	7,899	82·4	86·8
Howrah	5,798	6,484	501	348	89	101	5,208	6,035	89·8	93·
Jessore	5,990	6,495	396	282	176	232	5,418	5,981	92·1	92·
Khulna	3,283	3,492	741	601	162	141	2,380	2,750	72·4	78·7
Midnapore	8,427	8,595	1,192	1,057	457	437	6,778	7,101	80·4	82 6
Moorshedabad	5,639	5,714	400	723	275	275	4,964	4,716	88 02	82·5
Mymensingh	11,520	12,394	2,569	2,587	198	223	8,753	9,584	75 9	77·3
Noakholly	4,551	5,197	377	553	53	151	4,121	4,493	90·5	86·4
Nuddea	6,820	6,692	534	662	122	174	6,164	5,856	90 3	87·5
Patna	8,537	7,957	282	407	424	428	7,831	7,122	91 7	89·5
Pubna	3,551	4,232	531	528	142	389	2,878	3,315	81·04	78·3
Bogra	2,318	2,420	87	405	54	24	2,177	1,991	93·9	82·2
Purneah	4,853	4,544	825	389	134	132	3,894	4,023	80·2	88·5
Rajshahye	3,360	3,572	228	445	401	328	2,731	2,799	81·2	78·3
Maldah	1,764	2,004	361	323	284	306	1,119	1,375	62·8	68·6
Rungpore	4,925	4,766	704	1,118	199	187	4,022	3,511	81·6	73·6
Julpaiguri	2,080	1,927	368	274	183	89	1,479	1,614	72·8	83·7
Sarun	6,644	6,113	742	1,072	1,008	616	4,894	4,425	73·6	72·3
Chumparun	4,810	4,647	415	629	377	436	3,518	3,582	81·6	77·
Shahabad	5,389	4,605	862	720	371	165	4,156	3,720	77·1	80·7
Tipperah	7,451	7,919	2,274	1,873	150	217	5,027	5,829	67·4	73·6
Mozufferpore	4,168	4,711	539	393	288	237	3,341	4,081	80·1	86·6
Durbhungah	4,645	4,299	540	635	340	155	3,765	3,509	81·05	81·6
24-Pergunnahs	16,937	18,652	1,112	1,330	451	161	15,374	17,161	95 9	92·
Hazareebagh	2,714	2,847	414	395	462	700	1,838	1,752	67·7	61·5
Lohardugga	3,858	3,173	619	381	376	152	2,863	2,640	74·2	83·2
Manbhoom	2,556	2,536	716	710	158	118	1,682	1,708	65·8	67·3
Singbhoom	476	703	14	50	4	6	458	647	96·8	92·
TOTAL	226,206	233,760	29,727	30,463	10,539	9,191	185,940	194,106	82 1	83·03
Calcutta	39,826	44,016	...	...	78	6	39,748	44,820	99 8	99·7
GRAND TOTAL	266,032	278,676	29,727	30,463	10,617	9,287	225,688	238,926	84 8	85·7

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Giving Details of Comparative Table A 1 for each District.

DISTRICTS.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.		Number of Persons				Percentage convicted.	
			Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.			
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Backergunge	3,294	3,717	2,470	2,921	5,578	5,582	69·3	65 6
Beerbhoom	1,459	1,551	828	876	1,224	1,304	60 8	59·8
Bhaugulpore	2,293	2,305	1,250	1,318	2,040	1,900	62·	59 04
Monghyr	3,129	3,684	2,289	2,557	2,788	3,453	54 9	57·4
Burdwan	4,049	3,739	1,958	1,697	3,612	3,064	64·8	61·7
Bankura	1,134	1,464	757	893	897	1,049	54 2	53·9
Chittagong	2,204	2,548	1,014	1,558	1,836	1,723	64·4	52 5
Cuttack	2,840	2,777	1,561	1,737	2,430	2,268	60 8	56·6
Pooree	2,476	2,125	1,676	1,567	2,287	2,166	57·7	58 02
Balasore	1,207	1,298	711	821	1,069	1,088	60·	56 9
Dacca	3,853	3,827	2,028	2,066	3,313	3,141	62·	60·4
Dinagepore	2,932	2,529	1,220	1,135	2,417	1,963	66·4	63 3
Darjeeling	1,972	2,127	567	518	1,953	2,034	77 5	79·7
Furreedpore	2,418	2,252	1,398	1,551	2,299	2,618	62·1	62·7
Gya	2,964	3,319	1,674	1,721	2,425	2,747	59·1	61·4
Hooghly	4,318	4,924	2,376	2,738	3,471	3,752	59·3	57·8
Howrah	4,158	4,937	1,341	1,978	3,946	4,719	74·6	70·4
Jessore	3,190	3,050	2,194	2,176	2,472	2,615	52·9	54·5
Khulna	1,535	1,725	1,129	1,338	1,436	1,521	55 9	53·2
Midnapore	4,488	4,669	2,957	3,163	3,382	3,449	53 4	52 1
Moorshedabad	3,323	3,325	1,790	1,638	2,788	2,811	60·8	63 1
Mymensingh	4,666	4,744	2,727	2,634	4,016	3,788	59·5	58·9
Noakholly	1,740	2,125	939	1,351	1,351	1,531	58·9	58·1
Nuddea	3,274	3,516	2,017	2,558	3,081	3,352	60·4	56 7
Patna	5,862	5,450	2,155	1,854	5,418	5,101	71 5	73·3
Pubna	1,666	2,007	1,534	1,840	1,671	1,616	52 1	46 7
Bogra	1,370	1,217	937	743	961	1,129	50 6	60·3
Purneah	1,674	1,785	1,040	1,017	1,253	1,490	54·6	59·4
Rajshahye	1,870	1,846	1,248	1,338	1,913	1,946	60 5	59·2
Maldah	1,119	1,375	617	742	876	1,228	58·8	62·3
Rungpore	2,375	2,216	1,489	1,220	1,785	1,810	54·4	59·7
Julpaiguri	1,034	1,006	563	588	837	794	59·7	57·4
Sarun	3,802	3,637	2,587	1,983	3,279	3,013	55·9	60·2
Chumparun	1,829	1,851	945	1,309	1,304	1,393	57·9	51·5
Shahabad	2,939	2,832	1,831	1,906	2,425	2,300	56·9	54 6
Tipperah	2,489	2,952	1,637	2,261	2,411	2,811	59·5	55·4
Mozufferpore	2,465	3,195	1,428	1,479	2,028	2,638	58·6	64·07
Durbhungah	2,414	2,492	1,274	1,289	2,257	2,592	63·9	66·7
24-Pergunnahs	10,914	12,136	4,070	3,945	10,240	12,482	71·5	75·9
Hazarecbagh	1,627	1,293	828	833	1,580	1,176	65·6	58 5
Lohardugga	2,338	2,041	1,359	1,279	2,145	1,804	61·2	58 5
Manbhoom	1,141	1,270	861	999	1,174	1,190	57·6	54·3
Singbhoom	296	485	153	232	343	504	69·1	68·4
TOTAL	118,140	123,363	65,427	69,567	106,011	11,655	59 4	61 3
Calcutta	29,441	33,724	4,257	4,418	34,784	40,128	89·09	90·08
GRAND TOTAL	147,581	157,087	69,684	73,985	140,795	150,783	66 8	67·09

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Showing the Number of Offences of each Class returned as true in 1885 and 1886.

DISTRICTS.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII.		Offences by or relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to coins, stamps, and weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting public health, &c., and religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under special laws.		Grand Total.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Backergunge	...	...	136	117	147	211	120	145	18	11	28	14	1,678	1,649	1,128	1,489	219	230	3,474	3,866	1,487	1,905	4,961	5,771
Beerbhoom	...	...	15	13	32	26	45	63	3	1	39	66	840	979	988	928	81	89	2,043	2,165	448	619	2,491	2,784
Bhaugulpore	...	...	39	27	78	79	67	70	11	15	42	43	1,001	1,053	2,083	1,728	25	23	3,346	3,038	1,004	1,001	4,350	4,039
Monghyr	...	...	53	76	89	148	98	164	14	18	46	69	953	993	2,692	2,883	62	81	4,007	4,432	1,571	2,133	5,578	6,565
Burdwan	...	...	48	58	117	89	84	68	8	4	40	53	1,795	2,081	1,460	1,614	121	158	3,673	4,125	2,082	1,784	5,755	5,909
Bankura	...	...	57	47	74	95	34	25	3	4	13	30	581	735	734	635	34	38	1,530	1,609	258	572	1,788	2,181
Chittagong	...	...	75	83	88	76	35	58	22	21	22	40	1,372	2,078	1,041	1,463	107	287	2,762	4,106	996	868	3,758	4,974
Cuttack	1	...	39	46	119	89	57	88	10	11	31	18	1,424	1,460	1,453	1,502	108	126	3,242	3,340	1,152	1,062	4,394	4,402
Pooree	...	...	35	35	18	40	44	55	19	8	42	38	928	788	1,671	1,505	101	62	2,858	2,531	873	639	3,731	3,170
Balasore	...	...	19	25	68	25	40	46	9	6	7	26	513	436	681	528	41	43	1,378	1,135	342	318	1,720	1,453
Dacca	...	...	168	159	170	179	134	118	19	32	74	98	2,752	2,593	1,646	1,592	177	166	5,140	4,937	1,560	1,639	6,700	6,576
Dinagepore	...	...	29	31	116	78	38	54	18	5	48	101	669	583	1,723	1,661	64	76	2,700	2,589	1,474	1,179	4,174	3,768
Darjeeling	...	1	7	6	6	15	22	49	4	3	11	49	218	231	1,049	856	58	61	1,375	1,271	1,259	1,397	2,634	2,668
Furreedpore	...	...	150	124	177	151	50	39	4	15	40	15	1,696	2,117	1,513	1,584	63	85	3,693	4,130	774	885	4,467	5,015
Gya	...	...	57	49	101	125	71	85	6	6	24	28	784	861	3,943	2,860	71	51	5,057	4,065	1,201	1,547	6,258	5,612
Hooghly	...	...	55	36	109	55	63	98	6	5	27	20	2,379	3,596	1,661	1,616	143	124	4,443	5,550	1,905	2,349	6,348	7,899
Howrah	...	...	22	54	32	48	42	54	6	12	15	6	1,280	1,465	984	1,063	68	125	2,449	2,827	2,759	3,208	5,208	6,035
Jessore	...	...	135	120	190	215	60	70	4	6	86	71	1,710	2,301	2,168	2,196	167	218	4,520	5,197	898	784	5,418	5,981
Khulna	...	...	82	85	83	64	48	50	3	5	24	12	878	971	883	887	55	58	2,056	2,132	324	618	2,380	2,750
Midnapore	...	...	86	88	306	250	146	84	26	19	103	51	2,479	2,664	2,016	1,968	254	276	5,416	5,400	1,362	1,701	6,778	7,101
Moorshedabad	...	...	55	61	60	62	37	70	5	6	68	52	1,090	1,270	2,263	1,717	121	139	3,699	3,377	1,265	1,339	4,964	4,716
Mymensingh	...	...	192	140	443	555	204	193	22	16	27	20	2,986	3,044	3,697	4,252	295	374	7,866	8,594	887	990	8,753	9,584
Noakholly	...	...	41	63	136	161	75	97	7	2	22	22	2,133	2,170	1,059	1,135	181	198	3,654	3,848	467	645	4,121	4,493
Nuddea	...	...	98	57	128	126	89	72	2	16	40	91	1,744	1,828	2,737	2,331	93	122	4,931	4,643	1,233	1,213	6,164	5,856
Patna	...	...	54	40	48	61	67	65	11	6	10	11	1,097	917	2,253	2,030	28	48	3,568	3,178	4,263	3,944	7,831	7,122
Pubna	...	...	112	108	77	151	57	68	10	7	29	30	822	989	1,316	1,495	89	81	2,512	2,929	366	386	2,878	3,315
Bogra	...	...	53	79	47	90	61	54	2	...	7	12	503	524	1,015	886	131	84	1,819	1,729	358	262	2,177	1,991
Purneah	...	...	42	43	35	66	54	39	8	7	4	3	935	853	1,997	2,138	56	116	3,131	3,265	763	758	3,894	4,023
Rajshahye	...	...	45	59	41	43	51	56	10	8	29	31	499	646	1,599	1,398	53	105	2,327	2,346	404	453	2,731	2,799
Maldah	...	...	25	15	12	18	19	17	3	1	41	36	209	212	571	479	12	15	892	793	227	582	1,119	1,375
Rungpore	...	...	51	40	95	68	81	68	4	8	17	23	1,131	926	1,846	1,581	274	136	3,499	2,850	523	661	4,022	3,511
Julpaiguri	...	...	22	21	30	64	30	39	7	3	12	22	273	267	829	908	63	53	1,266	1,377	213	237	1,479	1,614
Sarun	1	1	49	45	147	194	158	165	4	8	117	179	979	690	2,044	1,762	49	43	3,548	3,087	1,346	1,338	4,894	4,425
Chumparun	...	...	16	20	62	37	103	62	8	5	2	6	1,010	1,027	1,495	1,703	59	39	2,755	2,899	763	683	3,518	3,582
Shahabad	...	...	69	64	102	177	89	90	4	3	107	63	1,205	1,126	1,566	1,279	59	82	3,201	2,884	955	836	4,156	3,720
Tipperah	...	...	139	203	132	139	41	56	6	5	22	44	2,247	2,419	1,542	2,071	147	143	4,276	5,080	751	749	5,027	5,829
Mozufferpore	...	...	50	50	75	92	84	81	9	3	38	19	536	511	1,410	1,282	25	21	2,227	2,059	1,114	2,022	3,341	4,081
Durbhungah	...	...	29	44	100	37	64	115	6	7	81	44	364	456	2,252	1,887	29	24	2,925	2,614	840	895	3,765	3,509
24-Pergunnahs	...	...	92	107	201	177	149	188	29	35	374	273	5,356	4,766	2,889	3,057	494	391	9,584	8,994	5,790	8,167	15,374	17,161
Hazareebagh	...	...	12	9	34	43	35	32	16	5	6	12	287	303	895	1,003	27	30	1,312	1,437	526	315	1,838	1,752
Lohardugga	...	...	15	27	68	55	82	68	6	2	8	2	768	538	1,049	1,213	43	33	2,039	1,938	824	702	2,863	2,640
Manbhoom	...	...	35	33	73	48	23	34	2	17	14	21	316	343	984	923	35	48	1,482	1,467	200	241	1,682	1,708
Singbhoom	...	...	6	5	1	16	11	9	1	...	...	2	110	154	200	203	28	41	357	430	101	217	458	647
TOTAL	2	2	2,609	2,612	4,267	4,538	2,962	3,221	390	377	1,837	1,866	52,530	55,613	69,025	67,291	4,410	4,743	138,032	140,263	47,908	53,843	185,940	194,106
Calcutta	...	...	195	208	27	27	36	35	13	26	4,662	4,756	2,809	2,633	1,783	1,881	455	479	9,980	10,045	29,768	34,775	39,748	44,820
GRAND TOTAL	2	2	2,804	2,820	4,294	4,565	2,978	3,256	403	403	6,499	6,622	55,339	58,246	70,808	69,172	4,865	5,222	148,012	150,308	77,676	88,618	225,688	238,926

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Showing in detail for each class the Number of Persons convicted in 1885 and 1886.

DISTRICTS.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII.		Offences by or relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to coins, stamps, and weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting public health, &c., and religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under special laws.		Grand Total.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Backergunge	...	..	349	260	147	184	42	49	18	8	17	19	487	516	421	414	18	9	1,499	1,459	4,079	4,123	5,578	5,582
Beerbhoom	...	...	40	63	20	23	18	17	2	...	66	71	234	240	469	323	13	5	862	742	362	562	1,224	1,304
Bhangulpore	...	...	89	99	111	85	52	38	10	12	39	56	313	323	720	595	12	8	1,346	1,216	694	684	2,040	1,900
Monghyr	...	...	132	200	103	152	50	71	10	11	46	94	306	274	806	681	26	13	1,479	1,496	1,309	1,957	2,788	3,453
Burdwan	...	...	177	160	132	92	44	39	3	5	56	41	508	479	657	466	30	23	1,607	1,305	2,005	1,759	3,612	3,064
Bankura	...	...	127	67	79	113	14	16	1	3	4	29	149	146	229	198	9	25	612	597	285	452	897	1,049
Chittagong	...	...	135	111	88	84	22	38	13	9	21	42	358	368	303	391	20	36	960	1,079	876	644	1,836	1,723
Cuttack	...	...	92	89	138	84	18	43	5	8	58	18	347	423	691	654	36	36	1,385	1,355	1,045	913	2,430	2,268
Pooree	...	...	126	124	22	52	11	38	9	5	48	47	233	214	954	857	34	17	1,437	1,354	850	812	2,287	2,166
Balasore	...	...	65	86	75	35	21	25	9	6	9	34	240	248	294	309	24	26	737	769	332	319	1,069	1,088
Dacca	...	...	274	264	155	131	67	50	13	27	135	99	819	714	645	630	23	17	2,131	1,932	1,182	1,209	3,313	3,141
Dinagepore	...	...	61	77	80	57	13	26	10	5	44	101	252	188	585	408	9	5	1,054	867	1,363	1,096	2,417	1,963
Darjeeling	...	...	48	19	1	5	17	32	3	3	9	38	152	100	531	476	13	5	774	678	1,179	1,356	1,953	2,034
Furreedpore	...	...	298	299	153	219	45	30	4	14	30	17	544	707	513	446	8	14	1,595	1,746	704	872	2,299	2,618
Gya	...	..	105	97	91	117	45	58	2	2	18	27	327	354	767	756	19	18	1,374	1,429	1,051	1,318	2,425	2,747
Hooghly	...	...	119	103	127	65	31	67	4	3	20	15	917	849	528	530	12	19	1,758	1,651	1,713	2,101	3,471	3,752
Howrah	...	...	56	97	31	59	24	26	3	5	19	5	323	465	515	521	21	44	992	1,222	2,954	3,497	3,946	4,719
Jessore	...	...	281	327	160	346	20	46	2	5	127	123	538	496	628	552	20	15	1,776	1,910	696	705	2,472	2,615
Khulna	...	...	195	151	77	53	25	18	2	1	25	14	342	344	260	297	10	8	936	886	500	635	1,436	1,521
Midnapore	...	...	240	339	365	288	49	37	11	12	221	79	494	580	761	674	35	43	2,176	2,052	1,206	1,397	3,382	3,449
Moorshedabad	...	...	209	164	62	63	18	37	3	3	68	45	392	492	995	732	23	30	1,770	1,566	1,018	1,245	2,788	2,811
Mymensingh	...	...	427	264	452	572	96	104	17	10	33	48	1,192	1,020	1,133	971	39	31	3,389	3,020	627	768	4,016	3,788
Noakholly	...	...	141	253	157	129	53	50	5	2	26	15	431	321	353	= 368	25	25	1,191	1,163	160	368	1,351	1,531
Nuddea	...		279	252	116	104	46	60	2	10	64	116	489	689	1,100	1,099	21	18	2,117	2,348	964	1,004	3,081	3,352
Patna	..	...	105	71	36	79	35	48	4	3	4	10	303	347	722	584	14	21	1,223	1,163	4,195	3,938	5,418	5,101
Pubna	..	...	161	147	100	175	32	44	9	24	71	56	211	293	391	415	7	14	982	1,168	689	448	1,671	1,616
Bogra	...	...	55	245	33	88	35	39	2	...	10	16	170	182	357	342	6	8	668	920	293	209	961	1,129
Purneah	...	..	98	196	35	63	31	19	6	6	5	3	224	229	445	552	8	17	852	995	401	495	1,253	1,490
Rajshahye	..	...	117	192	47	37	34	38	4	11	61	30	403	376	769	754	15	22	1,450	1,459	463	487	1,913	1,946
Maldah	...	...	56	53	24	22	11	8	1	...	48	54	141	148	379	290	3	2	663	577	213	651	876	1,228
Rungpore	...	...	48	96	117	67	49	40	4	8	8	45	359	370	751	584	32	20	1,368	1,220	417	590	1,785	1,810
Julpaiguri	...	...	87	48	42	64	9	14	3	3	11	25	122	130	358	262	14	9	646	555	191	239	837	794
Sarun	...	...	146	142	113	169	119	118	5	2	218	242	409	405	1,073	872	14	21	2,097	1,971	1,182	1,042	3,279	3,013
Chumparun	...	...	44	31	44	33	62	33	4	3	1	4	180	265	600	611	4	12	939	992	365	401	1,304	1,393
Shahabad	...	...	190	157	118	141	50	74	3	1	126	66	453	468	701	613	21	15	1,662	1,535	763	765	2,425	2,300
Tipperah	...	...	451	553	160	173	29	28	3	4	28	35	714	831	547	670	20	8	1,952	2,302	459	509	2,411	2,811
Mozufferpore	...	...	157	141	67	98	48	30	4	...	39	8	170	156	632	511	8	2	1,125	946	903	1,692	2,028	2,638
Durbhungah	...	...	128	126	99	54	68	67	2	5	91	77	142	207	760	887	2	6	1,292	1,429	965	1,163	2,257	2,592
24-Pergunnahs	...	...	287	329	169	124	87	125	33	32	375	331	1,838	1,439	1,297	1,446	199	181	4,285	4,057	5,955	8,425	10,240	12,482
Hazareebagh	...	...	35	22	35	38	26	16	19	6	11	14	154	203	714	479	8	17	1,002	795	578	381	1,580	1,176
Lohardugga	..	...	63	81	59	57	48	36	3	...	4	2	281	275	878	644	22	11	1,358	1,106	787	698	2,145	1,804
Manbhoom	...	...	140	150	74	35	17	21	12	14	34	35	236	214	444	419	14	12	971	900	203	290	1,174	1,190
Singbhoom	..	...	18	23	6	21	8	5	1	...	.	3	68	98	97	121	15	16	213	287	130	217	343	504
TOTAL	...	...	6,451	6,667	4,320	4,650	1,639	1,818	283	291	2,348	2,249	16,965	17,236	26,773	24,404	926	904	59,705	58,219	46,306	52,436	106,011	110,655
Calcutta	...	...	464	508	20	18	13	17	9	20	6,736	6,537	911	936	1,276	1,440	108	79	9.537	9,555	25,247	30,573	34,784	40,128
GRAND TOTAL	...	...	6,915	7,175	4,340	4,668	1,652	1,835	292	311	9,084	8,786	17,876	18,172	28,049	25,844	1,034	983	69,242	67,774	71,553	83,009	140,795	150,783

E

Showing the Number of Cases brought to Trial during the year, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of Session and the Courts of Magistrates in 1885-86.

DISTRICTS.	Courts of Session.						Courts of Magistrates.					
	Brought to trial.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Brought to trial.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Backergunge	50	46	50	47	5	4	3,294	3,722	3,298	3,702	84	101
Beerbhoom	45	27	42	29	5	3	1,451	1,546	1,418	1,538	62	66
Bhaugulpore	43	34	43	40	11	5	2,297	2,308	2,289	2,297	46	54
Monghyr	45	37	46	41	7	3	3,136	3,692	3,089	3,725	125	89
Burdwan	60	27	60	24	6	9	4,049	3,743	4,035	3,706	94	124
Bankura	25	22	28	20	1	3	1,134	1,464	1,118	1,480	68	51
Chittagong	29	23	34	24	3	2	2,204	2,548	2,159	2,467	84	162
Cuttack	22	26	25	23	4	7	2,841	2,778	2,851	2,784	97	91
Pooree	4	11	6	11	2	2	2,476	2,126	2,432	2,167	119	75
Balasore	15	6	14	7	1	...	1,208	1,302	1,224	1,304	47	44
Dacca	50	60	47	62	13	11	3,859	3,830	3,812	3,778	152	199
Dinagepore	41	35	45	33	2	4	2,940	2,531	2,943	2,505	40	62
Darjeeling	8	11	9	11	1	1	1,973	2,137	1,975	2,108	13	39
Furreedpore	31	26	26	29	7	4	2,418	2,252	2,404	2,224	35	62
Gya	47	66	49	63	6	9	2,986	3,327	2,967	3,323	79	83
Hooghly	39	34	32	35	11	10	4,320	4,926	4,323	,951	95	66
Howrah	22	24	18	27	5	2	4,158	4,937	4,175	4,886	84	132
Jessore	47	50	48	45	5	14	3,190	3,050	3,154	3,081	95	63
Khulna	30	24	26	28	5	1	1,535	1,725	1,530	1,703	83	102
Midnapore	44	69	41	70	9	7	4,488	4,672	4,442	4,739	159	86
Moorshedabad	39	31	39	31	4	4	3,326	3,325	3,341	3,356	104	69
Mymensingh	88	57	90	66	18	9	4,666	4,744	4,663	4,770	192	156
Noakholly	29	19	30	18	1	2	1,744	2,130	1,725	2,068	65	127
Nuddea	40	42	35	42	7	7	3,278	3,520	3,266	3,553	99	63
Patna	63	55	61	53	9	11	5,881	5,467	5,885	5,489	85	61
Pubna	33	39	35	36	13	12	1,682	2,015	1,697	2,000	88	99
Bogra	12	16	13	15	...	1	1,370	1,217	1,349	1,271	74	20
Purneah	27	39	32	34	...	5	1,678	1,785	1,671	1,784	68	67
Rajshahye	32	25	32	25	3	3	1,872	1,848	1,856	1,851	54	49
Maldah	18	14	19	15	1	...	1,123	1,374	1,078	1,422	89	40
Rungpore	49	31	55	26	3	8	2,375	2,216	2,362	2,190	34	50
Julpaiguri	17	24	20	21	1	4	1,034	1,006	1,023	1,006	35	31
Sarun	49	43	52	51	9	2	3,801	3,637	3,827	3,567	83	148
Chumparun	38	27	30	29	3	1	1,829	1,851	1,843	1,810	40	76
Shahabad	38	61	39	58	5	6	2,949	2,841	2,909	2,826	97	100
Tipperah	35	37	29	45	9	1	2,489	2,953	2,508	2,955	79	77
Mozufferpore	41	31	39	32	4	3	2,465	3,198	2,487	3,171	30	57
Durbhungah	39	27	40	24	2	5	2,423	2,510	2,393	2,524	69	55
24-Pergunnahs	100	88	93	96	14	6	10,914	12,135	10,867	12,146	134	117
Hazarcebagh	20	25	19	26	2	1	1,639	1,293	1,649	1,302	37	26
Lohardugga	45	50	41	54	11	7	2,164	2,052	2,180	2,040	56	66
Manbhoom	28	15	26	18	4	1	1,144	1,273	1,144	1,249	51	75
Singbhoom	4	6	4	3	1	4	297	485	301	482	6	9
Total	1,576	1,460	1,562	1,487	233	204	118,100	123,491	117,662	123,300	3,330	3,389
	41	42	41	40	3	5	29,441	33,724	29,438	33,722	36	36
Calcutta												
GRAND TOTAL	1,617	1,502	1,603	1,527	236	209	147,541	157,215	147,100	157,022	3,366	3,425

F

Showing the Number of Persons concerned in Cases decided under the miscellaneous provision of the Criminal Procedure Code during 1886.

DISTRICTS.	Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter VIA and Section 485.	Proceedings under Chapter VIII, to prevent breach of the peace.	Proceedings under Chapter VIII, security for good behaviour.	Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter X.	Possession, Chapter XII.	Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XX, Section 250.	Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors, Chapter XXIII, Section 332.	Maintenance, Chapter XXXVI.	Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under Chapter XLII.	Total Persons.
	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	
Backergunge	...	4,886	154	60	7	21	...	4	36	5,161
Beerbhoom	...	5	15	...	2	9	1	6	5	41
Bhaugulpore	7	24	54	...	3	37	...	4	25	151
Monghyr	1	318	69	2	18	32	...	4	84	510
Burdwan	6	153	5	25	16	8	1	40	60	298
Bankura	4	133	79	...	6	5	...	8	6	235
Chittagong	...	69	15	1	3	64	1	5	13	168
Cuttack	...	131	7	18	...	27	...	7	42	232
Pooree	...	69	...	22	...	1	...	...	20	112
Balasore	...	4	2	...	2	6	...	2	38	52
Dacca	14	268	16	106	7	47	...	21	53	525
Dinagepore	...	11	18	2	1	5	...	8	22	66
Darjeeling	...	3	2	...	...	4	...	3	10	22
Furreedpore	...	781	22	...	5	19	...	5	17	844
Gya	...	65	85	3	9	24	...	24	31	232
Hooghly	7	248	6	116	2	6	17	35	19	454
Howrah	...	229	5	1	7	23	...	28	29	315
Jessore	...	394	20	55	6	22	...	18	16	525
Khulna	1	391	6	9	4	10	...	6	40	463
Midnapore	...	251	31	5	19	30	...	45	39	401
Moorshedabad	...	80	15	2	4	7	1	15	12	132
Mymensingh	5	521	53	12	19	39	3	21	115	769
Noakholly	...	130	10	85	12	50	...	4	18	297
Nuddea	...	124	37	39	12	17	9	21	48	295
Patna	3	98	27	2	14	22	...	3	19	174
Pubna	1	162	29	3	5	11	...	15	26	247
Bogra	2	25	7	...	4	11	...	30	54	129
Purneah	...	51	15	8	6	7	...	2	49	132
Rajshahye	...	211	10	2	3	16	...	30	40	309
Maldah	...	16	6	...	1	...	...	4	14	40
Rungpore	...	64	65	...	2	13	...	7	47	196
Julpaiguri	1	22	6	2	...	29	...	...	33	93
Sarun	1	162	79	...	32	60	2	21	17	342
Chumparun	...	43	9	1	12	16	...	4	11	84
Shahabad	4	136	37	169	26	35	...	15	19	415
Tipperah	...	532	25	153	11	24	1	23	42	800
Mozufferpore	1	37	11	...	9	22	...	4	25	100
Durbhungah	...	80	19	...	7	30	...	1	22	152
24-Pergunnahs	19	217	35	38	23	59	...	77	48	493
Hazareebagh	...	2	9	...	...	9	...	6	2	28
Lohardugga	...	70	16	6	3	2	...	1	42	137
Manbhoom	...	88	12	...	10	4	...	21	17	142
Singbhoom	...	8	11	...	...	2	...	...	5	26
TOTAL	77	11,312	1,154	947	332	885	36	598	1,330	16,339
Calcutta	...	78	14	...	...	96	...	291	12	491
GRAND TOTAL	77	11,390	1,168	947	332	981	36	889	1,342	16,830

N.B.—Besides the persons shown in this statement, there were 18 cases for the restoration of abducted females under Chapter XLVI, Section 551 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

G

Showing the Results of Trials in the Courts of Session in 1886 (as affecting persons).

DISTRICTS.	Number of persons under trial during the year	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted	Committed or referred	Died, escaped, transferred	Remaining under trial.	Number per cent. convicted of the persons shown in columns 3 and 4 added to those whose cases were referred under Section 374, C. P. C.
Backergunge	100	45	43	...	...	12	50·
Beerbhoom	62	27	30	...	...	5	52·6
Bhaugulpore	57	16	33	2	...	6	68 6
Monghyr	77	42	27	...	...	8	39·1
Burdwan	56	29	17	...	...	10	36·9
Bankura	56	37	10	1	...	8	21 2
Chittagong	48	13	29	...	...	6	69 04
Cuttack	53	22	21	1	1	8	50·
Pooree	22	9	9	2	...	2	55·
Balasore	10	5	5	...	...	...	50·
Dacca	120	38	46	15	...	21	57 3
Dinagepore	94	38	49	..	3	4	56 3
Darjeeling	15	1	12	...	...	2	92 3
Furreedpore	57	20	31	...	1	5	60·7
Gya	137	40	81	1	1	14	67·2
Hoogbly	78	26	31	5	6	10	55·1
Howrah	47	14	29	2	...	2	68 1
Jessore	99	46	31	3	...	19	42·5
Khulna	53	26	20	3	1	3	43·9
Midnapore	159	64	73	1	1	20	53 6
Moorshedabad	71	32	23	7	...	9	41 8
Mymensingh	140	55	71	1	1	12	56 6
Noakholly	35	17	16	...	...	2	48·4
Nuddea	111	54	39	4	...	14	42 5
Patna	108	32	39	7	...	30	56·1
Pubna	112	42	37	...	...	33	46·8
Bogra	26	8	17	...	...	1	68·
Purneah	102	33	55	..	...	14	62 5
Rajshahye	55	19	33	...	...	3	63·4
Maldah	39	17	22	...	...	...	56·4
Rungpore	50	17	17	1	...	15	51 4
Julpaiguri	48	16	25	1	...	6	61·9
Sarun	69	24	41	2	...	2	64 1
Chumparun	41	7	31	2	...	1	82 5
Shahabad	121	24	69	...	13	15	74 1
Tipperah	94	40	52	...	1	1	56·5
Mozufferpore	45	18	20	...	1	6	52·6
Durbhungah	43	23	14	...	...	6	37 8
24-Pergunnahs	192	69	105	8	1	9	61·
Hazareebagh	53	13	37	2	...	1	75
Lohardugga	111	39	64	...	...	8	62 1
Manbhoom	28	8	16	...	...	4	66 6
Singbhoom	15	3	7	...	...	5	70·
TOTAL	3,109	1,168	1,477	71	31	362	56 4
Calcutta	53	13	34	..	...	6	72 3
GRAND TOTAL	3,162	1,181	1,511	71	31	368	57 2

Showing the Results of Trials in the Courts of Magistrates in 1886 (as affecting persons.)

DISTRICTS	Number of persons under trial during the year	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted	Committed or referred	Died, escaped, transferred	Remaining under trial.	Number per cent of persons entered in columns 3 and 4, who were convicted.
Backergunge	8,741	2,876	5,537	97	16	215	65 8
Beerbhoom	2,301	849	1,274	41	5	132	60·
Bhaugulpore	3,307	1,301	1,866	45	3	92	58 9
Monghyr	6,176	2,515	3,426	81	3	151	57·6
Burdwan	5,165	1,868	3,047	42	7	201	61·9
Bankura	2,036	856	1,039	54	5	82	54 8
Chittagong	3,503	1,545	1,694	45	4	215	52·3
Cuttack	4,193	1,715	2,247	49	1	181	56·7
Pooree	3,910	1,556	2,157	16	11	170	58·09
Balasore	2,011	816	1,083	19	5	88	57·03
Dacca	5,526	2,023	3,086	104	8	305	60 4
Dinagepore	3,181	1,097	1,914	61	5	104	63 5
Darjeeling	2,664	517	2,022	27	3	95	79 6
Furreedpore	4,306	1,531	2,587	47	3	138	62·8
Gya	4,607	1,681	2,666	137	2	121	61 3
Hooghly	6,594	2,712	3,716	56	3	107	57·8
Howrah	6,903	1,963	4,689	38	4	209	70 4
Jessore	4,904	2,130	2,582	79	3	110	54 7
Khulna	3,060	1,312	1,498	43	2	205	53 3
Midnapore	6,773	3,099	3,375	150	8	141	52·1
Moorshedabad	4,566	1,606	2,783	64	6	107	63·4
Mymensingh	6,654	2,579	3,717	111	32	215	59·
Noakholly	3,042	1,334	1,515	40	1	152	53 1
Nuddea	6,038	2,504	3,309	104	4	117	56·9
Patna	7,129	1,820	5,054	107	5	143	73·5
Pubna	3,669	1,798	1,579	108	10	174	46 7
Bogra	1,930	735	1,112	41	1	41	60·2
Purneah	2,659	984	1,435	112	2	126	59·3
Rajshahye	3,409	1,319	1,913	56	6	115	59·1
Maldah	2,055	725	1,206	35	1	88	62·4
Rungpore	3,145	1,203	1,792	46	13	91	59 8
Julpaiguri	1,443	572	768	47	5	51	57·3
Sarun	5,207	1,959	2,970	75	7	196	60 2
Chumparun	2,838	1,302	1,360	38	5	133	51·1
Shahabad	4,429	1,882	2,231	126	13	177	54·2
Tipperah	5,203	2,221	2,759	72	...	151	55·4
Mozufferpore	4,238	1,461	2,618	45	3	111	64 1
Durbhungah	4,074	1,266	2,578	69	4	157	67·
24-Pergunnahs	16,599	3,869	12,374	162	8	186	76 1
Hazarecbagh	2,052	818	1,139	55	2	38	58 2
Lohardugga	3,237	1,240	1,740	115	6	136	58·3
Manbhoom	2,333	991	1,174	29	3	136	54 2
Singbhoom	750	229	497	10	1	13	68 4
TOTAL	186,560	68,379	109,128	2,898	239	5,916	61·4
Calcutta	44,594	4,405	40,095	48	2	44	90·1
GRAND TOTAL	231,154	72,784	149,223	2,946	241	5,960	67 2

I

Showing in detail the Number of Persons who were awaiting Trial in the Courts of Magistrates at the end of 1886.

DISTRICTS	Criminal lunatics	Number of Persons				Of the persons entered in columns 3 to 6 under trial				
		In custody	On bail	On recognizance	Otherwise	Not exceeding one month	Over one month	Over two months	Over three months.	Over six months
Backergunge	9	17	110	79	..	202	4	...	...	...
Beerbhoom	1	38	93	...	...	121	10	..	...	...
Bhaugulpore	1	26	53	11	6	78	9	9	...	...
Monghyr	..	37	86	28	...	117	28	6	...	...
Burdwan	4	18	173	5	1	132	55	7	3	...
Bankura	...	7	73	2	...	63	19	...	...	...
Chittagong	...	1	135	78	...	136	58	12	8	...
Cuttack	1	12	138	29	1	125	49	5	1	..
Pooree	2	5	89	74	...	145	21	1	1	...
Balasore	2	9	75	3	...	57	19	10	...	1
Dacca	2	22	270	11	...	203	79	21	...	...
Dinagepore	...	8	95	1	...	79	19	...	6	...
Darjeeling	1	74	19	1	...	85	1	8	...	...
Furreedpore	...	7	131	...	...	119	15	4	...	...
Gya	...	31	73	17	...	119	1	1	...	...
Hooghly	4	7	69	24	3	86	15	1	1	...
Howrah	...	9	83	117	...	206	3	...	...	...
Jessore	3	9	95	3	...	106	1	..	...	...
Khulna	6	8	190	1	...	75	59	25	40	...
Midnapore	1	9	121	9	1	131	9	...	...	...
Moorshedabad	1	7	88	7	1	91	7	...	5	...
Mymensingh	12	18	154	29	2	196	6	1	...	...
Noakholly	...	6	114	31	1	127	21	...	4	...
Nuddea	3	20	82	13	...	92	19	2	2	...
Patna	4	19	86	34	...	84	46	9	...	...
Pubna	1	9	163	1	...	141	21	1	10	...
Bogra	...	4	37	...	...	34	7	...	...	...
Purneah	...	24	101	1	...	117	8	1	...	...
Rajshahye	...	6	94	15	...	107	6	2	...	...
Maldah	...	34	51	3	...	66	22	...	...	...
Rungpore	3	32	56	...	...	87	1	...	...	...
Julpaiguri	1	2	48	...	...	45	4	1	...	...
Sarun	7	12	149	28	...	178	7	4	...	...
Chumparun	...	25	98	10	...	118	13	2	...	...
Shahabad	1	46	111	19	...	169	7	...	...	...
Tipperah	10	4	110	27	...	129	11	1	...	...
Mozufferpore	4	21	84	2	..	86	21	...	...	...
Durbhungah	3	14	138	1	...	131	13	8	1	...
24-Pergunnahs	14	9	131	16	16	144	28	...	...	...
Hazareebagh	...	12	25	2	...	38	1	...	...	...
Lohardugga	...	21	85	30	...	110	26	...	...	..
Manbhoom	...	11	109	17	...	117	15	5	...	...
Singbhoom	2	4	6	1	.	7	4	...	...	...
TOTAL	103	714	4,291	780	32	4,799	788	147	82	1

J

Showing the Number of Witnesses examined, and the Amount paid as expenses in the Courts of Session and of Magistrates in 1885 and 1886.

DISTRICTS	Number of Witnesses examined				Amount paid as Expenses,			
	Courts of Session,		Magistrates' Courts,		Courts of Session,		Magistrates' Courts,	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886	1885.	1886
Backergunge	532	430	14,677	15,957	172	227	295	294
Beerbhoom	395	279	5,167	5,294	849	286	284	342
Bhaugulpore	309	258	8,624	9,403	407	175	505	298
Monghyr	331	291	10,005	12,832	181	156	327	190
Burdwan	336	229	10,681	10,788	914	404	1,413	842
Bankura	235	214	5,322	5,848	428	1,169	514	525
Chittagong	271	235	6,822	8,268	490	491	442	881
Cuttack	215	208	10,031	10,289	381	267	271	414
Pooree	36	72	6,949	7,255	73	122	74	100
Balasore	148	68	4,626	5,159	196	124	104	21
Dacca	401	470	14,593	15,219	1,292	651	1,072	878
Dinagepore	371	254	7,632	6,833	250	171	245	165
Darjeeling	44	38	3,729	3,592	128	35	29	60
Furreedpore	236	213	9,272	9,462	888	562	238	226
Gya	394	484	11,236	12,172	231	139	211	43
Hooghly	228	293	14,497	14,456	252	318	405	1,100
Howrah	130	170	8,782	9,567	188	155	163	147
Jessore	268	247	13,108	12,688	282	258	436	436
Khulna	154	156	7,429	6,570	330	294	367	312
Midnapore	338	556	13,714	12,128	357	810	1,405	894
Moorshedabad	338	202	12,724	13,132	845	353	354	423
Mymensingh	757	634	20,779	17,811	398	700	82	228
Noakholly	313	172	7,123	8,627	366	82	216	527
Nuddea	211	330	11,719	12,803	267	472	388	171
Patna	350	372	10,966	10,068	329	179	178	216
Pubna	236	275	8,335	9,720	261	392	205	316
Bogra	90	170	6,076	6,560	31	100	41	24
Purneah	229	271	6,301	6,947	181	325	194	121
Rajshahye	209	148	9,282	9,461	807	187	739	135
Maldah	130	94	3,690	5,050	36	35	37	64
Rungpore	404	223	11,061	9,223	756	340	404	148
Julpaiguri	152	177	4,705	4,046	243	...	243	192
Sarun	389	363	12,298	12,247	358	207	308	349
Chumparun	189	195	7,258	7,134	87	66	491	61
Shahabad	339	380	13,321	11,632	315	278	215	122
Tipperah	221	338	11,215	14,372	215	409	396	463
Mozufferpore	195	111	7,501	6,541	234	88	282	136
Durbhungah	144	89	6,768	7,536	13	12	258	228
24-Pergunnahs	539	494	29,764	25,312	873	594	833	587
Hazareebagh	205	279	7,593	6,383	108	186	327	49
Lohardugga	335	349	8,406	7,926	211	168	330	157
Manbhoom	235	170	5,526	5,839	86	57	138	43
Singbhoom	6	18	1,295	1,690	8	18	11	64
Total	11,588	11,019	410,602	413,845	15,617	12,062	15,470	12,992
Calcutta	439	411	...	.	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	12,027	11,430	410,602	413,845	15,617	12,062	15,470	12 992

Showing the Detention of Witnesses in the Courts of Session and Courts of Magistrates in 1886.

DISTRICTS.	NUMBER OF WITNESSES DISCHARGED,							
	COURTS OF SESSION,				MAGISTRATES' COURTS.			
	On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.	On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day
Backergunge	305	256	122	74	15,144	4,657	1,257	398
Beerbhoom	134	104	102	72	4,952	1,152	218	29
Bhaugulpore	236	82	16	...	8,880	1,265	521	152
Monghyr	352	48	...	...	12,361	3,901	846	236
Burdwan	95	74	69	114	9,932	3,760	1,355	69
Baukura	66	35	45	185	5,364	1,013	122	29
Chittagong	108	105	97	53	10,032	1,845	844	1,221
Cuttack	82	55	58	97	10,006	1,952	517	92
Pooree	51	3	16	21	6,333	1,032	490	443
Balasore	17	54	16	17	5,246	792	119	40
Dacca	378	190	60	217	14,939	3,430	1,052	1,096
Dinagepore	97	48	77	202	6,672	1,522	393	118
Darjeeling	52	4	6	8	4,824	515	165	12
Furreedpore	120	77	59	55	9,553	970	244	250
Gya	283	105	61	150	11,739	2,435	581	235
Hooghly	153	91	66	68	18,744	1,967	233	69
Howrah	141	113	39	7	9,649	1,815	444	21
Jessore	369	41	9	31	11,356	3,135	551	21
Khulna	318	54	...	...	6,019	1,581	707	343
Midnapore	324	247	126	149	12,589	3,653	994	790
Moorshedabad	80	150	94	73	13,202	2,031	372	29
Mymensingh	452	177	115	216	16,535	4,277	1,383	129
Noakholly	170	76	46	...	7,856	3,399	1,439	577
Nuddea	233	95	43	178	13,298	1,473	461	283
Patna	197	133	93	160	10,851	1,633	515	135
Pubna	216	196	59	3	10,775	1,541	407	85
Bogra	132	120	65	...	7,208	973	113	7
Purneah	289	67	14	25	7,813	2,232	928	79
Rajshahye	141	61	53	93	9,557	1,795	409	27
Maldah	21	77	31	75	4,486	1,637	237	...
Rungpore	188	71	30	22	9,706	2,034	201	35
Julpaiguri	177	71	85	...	4,046	361	153	5
Sarun	342	61	55	42	13,558	2,388	252	...
Chumparun	232	...	...	...	7,850	684	137	39
Shahabad	321	264	81	24	11,532	3,775	896	65
Tipperah	467	92	...	...	15,885	4,148	773	397
Mozufferpore	143	40	2	...	7,182	961	440	80
Durbhungah	120	40	3	...	7,825	1,802	686	80
24-Pergunnahs	628	270	214	31	26,640	3,619	800	105
Hazareebagh	95	39	68	165	5,581	1,308	484	136
Lohardugga	103	137	69	74	7,614	1,306	38	52
Manbhoom	66	16	89	41	5,358	576	235	99
Singbhoom	...	23	...	...	1,896	138	53	51
TOTAL	8,494	4,062	2,353	2,742	420,588	86,543	23,064	8,099

Showing the Total Amount of Fines imposed in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction by the Criminal Courts in 1885 and 1886, the Amount realised, and the Amount paid by way of Compensation.

DISTRICTS.	Courts of Session.						Magistrates' Courts.					
	Total Amount of Fines.		Amount realised.		Amount paid by way of Compensation.		Total Amount of Fines.		Amount realised.		Amount paid by way of Compensation.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹
Backergunge	710	...	521	125	...	...	16,519	14,165	13,866	12,034	614	378
Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,361	8,298	5,602	6,594	198	449
Bhaugulpore	...	...	...	..	...	...	9,441	10,954	8,002	8,982	392	704
Monghyr	426	20	...	20	...	...	13,995	17,119	11,286	15,627	450	907
Burdwan	..	...	...	...	...	...	10,612	12,435	9,127	11,645	1,101	1,718
Bankura	50	50	21	50	...	...	2,960	2,298	3,097	2,427	189	139
Chittagong	10	150	1	50	...	...	14,309	17,796	10,932	14,536	432	1,485
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,658	13,034	12,645	11,746	858	937
Pooree	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,344	13,949	9,355	11,815	744	1,022
Balasore	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,774	9,064	8,145	8,286	1,278	1,608
Dacca	50	...	32	63	...	...	27,251	22,704	27,278	21,479	1,223	1,296
Dinagepore	...	1,300	35	32	...	...	9,702	8,771	10,398	6,160	681	611
Darjeeling	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,367	11,751	7,483	10,686	129	173
Furreedpore	300	...	125	176	...	100	18,090	14,702	14,380	14,850	1,722	604
Gya	...	50	4	64	...	...	12,823	17,710	11,270	15,368	1,357	1,705
Hooghly	...	4,110	57	1,129	...	...	18,888	18,763	16,787	16,161	827	1,118
Howrah	...	140	...	1	...	...	21,303	21,503	16,052	19,433	339	788
Jessore	...	...	51	31	...	...	18,258	12,697	18 132	12,085	1,167	1,241
Khulna	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,205	8,287	7,570	6,614	298	310
Midnapore	375	270	222	413	62	...	16,042	19,035	15,421	14,939	2,365	2,061
Moorshedabad	850	...	...	...	...	...	15,012	15,164	12,733	14,698	1,453	1,595
Mymensingh	2,255	4,500	723	1,412	...	...	38,035	30,304	36,213	31,213	1,588	2,078
Noakholly	75	20	75	...	...	...	11,128	12,323	10,674	10,718	726	1,187
Nuddea	140	80	55	71	...	...	17,079	19,934	15,763	19,428	1,421	1,483
Patna	810	2,260	...	90	...	...	14,591	13,565	11,748	11,959	400	656
Pubna	...	...	100	...	...	...	9,271	11,208	8,091	6,542	743	1,057
Bogra	...	30	...	...	...	...	4,464	11,222	4,141	10,637	186	738
Purneah	1	50	...	50	...	...	11,078	14,825	8,538	8,437	1,075	1,599
Rajshahye	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,054	12,729	10,107	10,876	835	632
Maldah	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,191	5,110	4,884	4,669	331	243
Rungpore	2,750	30	13	...	...	...	12,940	10,927	10,167	9,914	1,328	1,089
Julpaiguri	20	...	20	...	...	...	5,991	7,919	4,933	5,192	191	286
Sarun	600	85	29	85	120	...	27,742	25,464	23,548	21,232	698	3,483
Chumparun	...		...	10	...	...	7,872	6,792	7,487	5,781	642	128
Shahabad	...	237	...	10	...	...	13,533	14,277	12,026	14,045	950	468
Tipperah	1,282	286	960	36	...	...	19,792	21,172	18,895	21,030	1,078	357
Mozufferpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	14,109	10,779	13,291	9,399	525	725
Durbhungah	50	400	...	...	...	...	11,222	25,007	7,316	10,669	741	579
24-Pergunnahs	2,410	474	661	328	...	...	39,768	49,550	42,487	45,283	2,103	2,052
Hazareebagh	70	...	37	29	...	...	8,650	6,127	7,157	5,525	154	417
Lohardugga	90	20	50	20	...	...	10,991	8,312	8,741	6,391	949	629
Manbhoom	210	115	10	...	...	...	8,569	7,973	6,480	6,777	1,164	447
Singbhoom	...	...	..	...	...	...	1,359	1,999	1,121	2,824	70	148
TOTAL	13,534	14,677	3,802	4,295	182	100	5,85,343	6,17,717	5,22,919	5,34,236	35,715	41,336
Calcutta	2,000	...	...	...	...	...	73,911	87,118	68,416	80,112	2,633	1,652
GRAND TOTAL	15,534	14,677	3,802	4,295	182	100	6,59,254	7,04,835	5,91,335	6,14,348	38,348	42,988

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Showing particulars of Whipping inflicted in 1886 by the

DISTRICTS.	I.—In lieu of other punishments (Sections 2 and 3, Act VI of 1864).												II.—In addition to other punishments (Sections 3 and 4, Act VI of 1864).						Number
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.								
	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	Total.	5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.	Total.
Backergunge	...	...	8	...	3	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	16	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Beerbhoom	4	...	11	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhaugulpore	2	...	15	...	12	...	10	...	2	...	...	...	41	...	...	.	...	...	...	...
Monghyr	3	...	23	...	15	...	6	...	7	.	1	...	55	...	...	...	...	1	4	5
Burdwan	...	...	4	...	14	..	7	1	9	...	1	...	36	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Bankura	...	....	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	...	...	6	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	11	..	...	...	..	...	1	1
Cuttack	6	...	16	...	8	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	30	.	...	4	1	...	...	5
Pooree	8	..	6	...	4	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balasore	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Dacca	2	...	8	...	8	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	3	...	...	3
Dinagepore	4	...	10	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	19		...	2	1	...	...	3
Darjeeling	5	...	6	...	10	...	5	...	6	...	19	1	52		...	...	...	...	1	1
Furreedpore	...	...	2	...	3	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Gya	12	...	22	...	12	1	10	...	...	...	3	...	60	...	..	...	2	...	7	9
Hooghly	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Howrah	2	...	8	...	20	1	7	...	...	...	1	...	39	...	...	...	1	..	5	6
Jessore	4	...	4	...	12	...	3	...	1	...	...	1	25	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Khulna	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad	...	...	5	...	14	...	7	...	3	...	...	...	29	...	...	1	1	.	1	3
Mymensingh	...	...	6	...	2	...	3	...	...	.	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Noakholly	...	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	2	...	13	...	23	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	47	...	...	2	3	...	2	7
Patna	4	...	9	...	11	...	5	...	2	...	...	..	31	...	...	1	3	2	3	9
Pubna	...	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Bogra	1	...	2	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	3	...	3	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	1	...	9	...	4	...	...	...	...	2	..	...	16	...	...	...	3	...	...	3
Maldah	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	2	1	...	...	3
Rungpore	4	...	5	...	6	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	.	...	...	...
Julpaiguri	...	...	1	...	3	...	5	...	..	...	2	1	12	..	...	...	...	...	...	..
Sarun	..	...	21	...	13	...	25	1	5	...	13	.	78	...	1	...	4	...	4	9
Chumparun	15	..	24	...	7	...	20	1	..	...	2	...	69	...	...	...	...	1	4	5
Shahabad	4	...	20	...	15	1	5	...	4	...	...	...	49	...	...	...	2	1	1	4
Tipperah	8		14	...	6	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	30	...	..	1	...	...	1	2
Mozufferpore	8	...	17	...	7	...	15	...	8	...	1	...	56	...	4	...	5	1	5	15
Durbhungah	...	...	15	...	4	...	32	...	...	...	7	5	63	...	...	...	8	2	5	15
24-Pergunnahs	11	...	38	...	25	...	9	...	7	...	7	1	98	...	2	6	5	...	1	14
Hazareebagh	...	...	13	...	4	...	8	...	2	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga	5	...	6	...	7	..	3	...	6	..	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manbhoom	...	...	5	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Singbhoom	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	117	...	391	...	299	8	214	7	71	3	65	11	1,186	...	7	21	43	8	50	129
Calcutta	7	...	54	...	11	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	77	..	1	5	5	...	..	11
GRAND TOTAL	124	...	445	...	310	8	218	7	71	3	66	11	1,263	...	8	26	48	8	50	140

Criminal Tribunals in each District in Bengal.

III.—Inflicted under Section 5, Act VI, 1864, on juveniles for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.

Number of stripes.

5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		Total.	Relative number of times whipping was awarded as compared with other punishments.			Total number of whipping awarded.	Number of convicted persons liable to punishment under Act VI, 1864.	Percentage sentenced to whipping.
1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.		Total number of whipping awarded.	Total number of other punishment.	Percentage of whipping.			
1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	19	5,563	·3	19	411	4·6
6	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	7	26	1,278	2 3	26	350	7·4
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	42	1,858	2 2	42	454	9·2
...	...	4	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	..	9	69	3,384	1 9	69	770	8·9
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	3,027	1·2	37	350	10·5
1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	7	1,042	·6	7	568	1 2
...	...	2		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .	2	14	1,709	·81	14	295	4·7
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	2,233	1·6	35	450	7·7
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	1	22	2,144	1·01	22	879	2·5
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1,085	·2	3	200	1·5
...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	3,117	·76	24	615	3·9
...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .	22	1,941	1·1	22	877	2·5
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	53	1,981	2·6	53	436	12·1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	12	2,606	·4	12	164	7·3
...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	71	2,676	2·5	71	646	10·9
...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	3,746	·1	6	2,107	·2
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	46	4,673	·9	46	510	9·01
1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	27	2,588	1·03	27	303	8·9
1	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	1,515	·4	6	303	1·9
...	...	. .	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	3,444	·1	5	469	1 06
1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	37	2,774	1·2	37	507	7 2
...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	13	3,775	·34	13	587	2·2
...	...	...	...	. .	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1,525	·3	6	290	2 06
...	...	1	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	55	3,297	1·6	55	953	5·7
1	..	...	...	.	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	1	41	5,060	·8	41	549	7·4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1,610	·3	6	196	3·06
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	7	1,122	·6	7	184	3·8
1	...	1	.	.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	2	14	1,476	·9	14	471	2 9
...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	10	1,927	·9	10	524	3·6
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	7	1,221	·5	7	196	3·5
...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	19	1,791	1·04	19	445	4·2
1	...	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	14	780	1 7	14	231	6·06
...	...	5	...	.	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	5	92	2,921	3·1	92	846	10·8
6	...	7	...	3		2	...	...	...	...		18	92	1,901	6·5	92	617	14 9
...	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	53	2,247	2·3	53	433	12·2
1	...	...	.		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	33	2,778	1·1	33	2,302	1·4
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	72	2,566	2 7	72	523	13·7
...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	78	2,514	3 009	78	602	12·9
...	...	10	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	123	12,359	·9	123	1,115	11·03
...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..		...	...	...	27	1,149	2 3	27	404	6·6
...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	27	1,777	1·49	27	482	5·6
...	...	...	...	...	...	. .	..	...	...	...	...	...	11	1,179	·9	11	409	2·6
...	...	1	...	.	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	499	·9	5	91	5·4
23	...	41	...	11		6	...	...	...	...	1	82	1,397	109,258	1·2	1,397	24,114	[illegible]
2	...	3	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	93	40,035	·22	93	1,105	8·4
25	...	44	...	11	...	6	...	...	...	...	1	87	1,490	149,293	·99	1,490	25,219	5·9

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Showing the Number of Appeals (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and Sessions Judges in 1885 and 1886.

DISTRICTS.	1885.						1886.					
	Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.
Backergunge . .	186	64	187	64	12	1	232	159	231	155	13	5
Beerbhoom . .	68	28	66	25	2	3	89	28	89	31	2	.
Bhaugulpore . .	132	49	138	48	1	2	112	41	111	42	2	1
Monghyr . . .	96	100	95	98	3	12	166	112	165	122	4	2
Burdwan . . .	105	52	108	50	...	2	80	75	78	68	2	9
Bankura . . .	31	8	33	7	...	1	23	49	21	50	2	...
Chittagong . .	95	109	94	107	2	4	110	79	106	80	6	3
Cuttack . . .	114	45	97	45	26	3	111	58	128	61	9	...
Pooree . . .	54	56	47	51	8	8	68	116	72	122	4	2
Balasore . . .	92	47	77	48	18	3	68	37	78	31	8	9
Dacca . . .	280	86	267	93	18	...	251	30	259	28	10	2
Dinagepore . .	119	27	115	28	7	...	104	37	102	33	9	4
Darjeeling . .	45	11	40	12	1	...	42	39	37	38	6	1
Furreedpore . .	193	66	178	61	15	5	190	55	202	60	3	...
Gya . . .	198	89	201	97	2	4	158	81	160	81	...	4
Hooghly . . .	103	75	103	77	2	2	143	48	140	45	5	5
Howrah . . .	104	48	114	47	...	2	99	41	92	43	7	...
Jessore . . .	122	45	120	45	...	3	142	51	138	53	4	1
Khulna . . .	140	37	143	37	...	2	103	39	101	40	2	1
Midnapore . .	144	101	144	100	3	3	81	143	80	139	4	7
Moorshedabad . .	198	129	190	126	12	6	230	77	235	82	7	1
Mymensingh . .	431	161	432	165	4	1	378	108	371	108	11	1
Noakholly . .	116	101	118	99	...	5	137	124	137	125	...	4
Nuddea . . .	217	77	217	80	5	3	207	79	206	77	6	5
Patna . . .	205	87	199	90	11	1	163	176	171	166	3	11
Pubna . . .	110	5	109	52	2	1	107	110	108	106	1	5
Bogra . . .	76	51	74	58	2	1	40	77	42	68	...	10
Purneah . . .	81	64	84	71	...	2	78	92	75	89	3	5
Rajshahye . .	144	44	138	46	9	...	131	104	136	103	3	1
Maldah . . .	50	97	48	103	2	...	64	52	64	51	2	1
Rungpore . . .	168	51	164	48	13	3	164	76	176	78	1	1
Julpaiguri . .	94	27	87	26	9	2	63	28	71	29	1	1
Sarun . . .	146	196	146	214	2	...	178	135	174	134	1	1
Chumparun . .	171	5	163	6	11	...	171	14	177	12	5	2
Shahabad . . .	251	157	252	161	9	...	191	115	187	112	13	3
Tipperah . . .	132	93	130	94	3	2	236	112	237	102	2	12
Mozufferpore . .	151	50	141	50	13	...	161	32	163	31	11	1
Durbhungah . .	151	78	148	80	6	3	144	53	144	55	6	1
24-Pergunnahs . .	244	82	241	79	7	6	392	69	370	74	29	1
Hazareebagh . .	39	20	40	20	...	...	75	50	75	50	...	...
Lohardugga . .	120	138	122	140	1	1	89	80	88	77	2	4
Manbhoom . .	71	33	70	35	1	1	72	71	71	67	2	5
Singbhoom . .	22	2	22	2	...	...	22	3	22	3	...	...
Total .	5,808	2,939	5,720	2,985	242	98	5,860	3,155	5,890	3,121	211	132

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Showing the Number of Applications for Revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and of Sessions Judges in 1885 and 1886.

DISTRICTS.	1885.						1886					
	PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.	Court of Session.	Magistrate's Court.
Backergunge	48	62	48	66	2	...	45	77	46	73	1	4
Beerbhoom	16	1	16	1	...	...	31	5	29	5	2	...
Bhaugulpore	32	13	30	15	3	...	41	20	42	19	2	1
Monghyr	24	17	24	15	1	1	45	28	45	28	1	1
Burdwan	67	9	68	10	...	...	88	14	85	14	3	...
Bankura	3	2	4	2	...	...	14	1	14	1	...	...
Chittagong	170	2	165	2	11	...	142	5	147	5	6	...
Cuttack	50	5	48	5	2	...	44	33	46	32	...	1
Pooree	9	10	9	10	...	...	22	13	20	12	2	1
Balasore	11	3	11	3	1	...	14	...	15	...	...	...
Dacca	107	31	104	31	4	...	108	22	109	22	3	...
Dinagepore	31	35	28	34	4	1	46	16	47	17	3	...
Darjeeling	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	...
Furreedpore	57	11	52	10	5	1	60	28	64	26	1	3
Gya	15	3	15	3	...	1	9	22	9	22	...	1
Hooghly	29	35	30	31	...	1	36	31	35	29	1	3
Howrah	10	16	10	17	...	3	5	17	5	20	...	...
Jessore	38	28	38	30	2	...	23	10	24	10	1	...
Khulna	17	8	17	7	...	1	14	13	13	14	1	...
Midnapore	58	18	55	17	3	1	54	23	56	19	1	5
Moorshedabad	37	13	35	13	5	...	24	17	28	17	1	...
Mymensingh	87	41	85	41	3	...	88	97	86	94	5	3
Noakholly	17	47	15	49	2	...	18	98	20	94	...	4
Nuddea	11	7	11	7	...	...	29	16	29	16	...	...
Patna	56	20	61	17	2	3	45	26	45	28	2	1
Pubna	28	1	28	2	...	...	43	2	41	2	2	...
Bogra	8	32	8	34	...	...	6	70	6	70	...	...
Purneah	20	67	22	73	...	...	8	46	8	44	...	2
Rajshahye	19	11	17	11	2	...	23	38	25	37	...	1
Maldah	6	10	7	9	...	1	7	13	5	14	2	...
Rungpore	57	5	58	5	4	...	35	26	39	24	...	2
Julpaiguri	3	11	4	11	...	...	2	11	2	9	...	2
Sarun	32	102	32	111	...	1	62	41	59	42	3	...
Chumparun	20	11	20	11	1	...	11	26	12	26	...	...
Shahabad	11	68	12	68	...	1	4	88	3	84	1	5
Tipperah	64	54	67	50	...	4	45	75	44	76	1	3
Mozufferpore	61	44	63	43	...	1	58	19	53	19	5	1
Durbhungah	40	63	39	71	3	...	56	61	57	58	2	3
24-Pergunnahs	93	94	92	93	4	3	90	93	91	96	3	...
Hazareebagh	3	1	3	1	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	...
Lohardugga	14	8	13	8	1	1	17	18	18	17	...	1
Manbhoom	4	7	4	7	...	...	10	4	10	4	...	...
Singbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...
TOTAL	1,485	1,028	1,470	1,015	65	*25	1,527	1,266	1,537	1,242	55	48

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Showing the Number of Persons whose cases came before the Courts of Session Judges and of District Magistrates on Appeal or Application for Revision, with the Results as affecting the orders of the Lower Courts, 1886.

DISTRICTS.	APPEALS.				APPLICATION FOR REVISION.			
	Number of persons who appealed.	Ratio per cent. of persons appealing to persons in respect of whom appealable orders were passed.	Number of appellants in whose cases the sentences or orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of affirmed to decided.	Number of applicants for revision.	Ratio per cent. of applicants for revision to persons in respect of whom orders were passed.	Number of applicants whose applications were rejected, or in whose cases orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of rejected to disposed of.
Backergunge	559	59·5	353	63·7	235	2·7	365	72·8
Beerbhoom	165	37·3	107	63·6	30	1·3	55	82·08
Bhaugulpore	243	24·7	144	56·4	87	2·6	66	75·
Monghyr	432	19·7	321	71·4	150	2·4	102	68·4
Burdwan	267	13·3	165	65·2	78	1·5	91	72·8
Bankura	115	25·2	71	62·2	21	1·06	13	61·9
Chittagong	265	39·8	159	62·3	118	3·5	262	65·1
Cuttack	241	23·3	188	66·6	93	2·2	77	81·
Pooree	318	20·	248	74·3	37	·9	23	67·6
Balasore	205	28·7	142	65·7	22	1·1	18	78·2
Dacca	449	31·1	329	74·6	118	2·1	290	75·9
Dinagepore	207	18·5	92	46·9	39	1·2	95	50·2
Darjeeling	94	12·4	58	66·6	3	·1	3	100·
Furreedpore	473	55·3	335	65·9	151	3·5	186	65·7
Gya	345	20·2	223	62·9	25	·5	40	95·2
Hooghly	256	17·8	187	74·5	31	·4	69	62·7
Howrah	177	5·6	127	72·9	23	·3	18	64·2
Jessore	359	29·6	263	73·6	54	1·1	69	85·1
Khulna	237	34·3	160	68·9	25	·8	80	98·7
Midnapore	380	19·3	234	62·5	47	·6	99	67·8
Moorshedabad	401	32·7	262	63·1	70	1·5	58	66·6
Mymensingh	706	40·5	547	79·3	82	1·2	222	69·1
Noakholly	386	46·2	262	67·3	13	·4	115	68·8
Nuddea	484	36·06	328	69·4	58	·9	79	72·4
Patna	484	41·2	326	68·	121	1·7	77	67·5
Pubna	328	28·4	232	71·8	61	1·7	71	66·3
Bogra	190	25·4	137	78·2	15	·7	32	36·7
Purneah	261	30·9	170	68·2	56	2·1	38	70·3
Rajshahye	418	30·7	253	60·3	97	2·8	42	45·6
Maldah	142	44·09	99	70·2	27	1·3	11	47·8
Rungpore	347	30·9	280	76·2	53	1·7	111	62·3
Julpaiguri	127	27·3	90	65·6	15	1·03	9	81·8
Sarun	459	31·3	320	69·7	125	2·4	142	85·03
Chumparun	241	45·04	208	85·5	36	1·3	44	78·8
Shahabad	461	52·6	318	71·4	60	1·3	94	77·04
Tipperah	602	41·2	404	65·2	138	2·6	251	63·7
Mozufferpore	301	54·3	192	62·1	111	2·6	91	85·8
Durbhungah	282	28·3	179	62·1	162	4·08	110	68·7
24-Pergunnahs	715	32·5	450	66·7	281	1·6	192	66·6
Hazareebagh	180	24·3	142	78·7	4	·1	4	100·
Lohardugga	322	23·6	183	57·	65	2·06	46	69·6
Manbhoom	285	40·7	175	66·03	14	·6	10	71·4
Singbhoom	31	50·	30	96·7	2	·2	2	100·
TOTAL	13,940	28·6	9,493	68·01	3,053	1·6	3,872	69·4

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howing the Number of Appeals and Applications for Revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the High Court in 1885 and 1886.

DISTRICTS.	Appeals						Applications for Revision					
	Preferred		Disposed of		Pending		Preferred		Disposed of		Pending	
	1885.	1886.	1885	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Backergunge . .	30	20	26	23	4	1	29	18	27	20	2	. .
Beerbhoom . .	29	16	31	16	...	...	9	11	9	10	...	1
Bhaugulpore . .	28	14	28	13	...	1	19	20	19	19	...	1
Monghyr . . .	32	12	34	12	...	...	31	49	31	45	1	5
Burdwan . . .	9	7	9	7	...	...	10	14	9	16	2	...
Bankura . . .	9	3	10	3	...	...	3	6	3	5	...	1
Chittagong . .	14	12	15	11	...	1	23	29	25	27	...	2
Cuttack . . .	17	23	20	20	1	4	9	4	8	5	1	...
Pooree . . .	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	4	2	4	...	...
Balasore . . .	8	6	8	6	...	...	16	10	17	11	1	...
Dacca . . .	16	22	15	24	2	...	41	27	44	27	1	1
Dinagepore . .	20	12	19	12	1	1	6	7	5	7	1	1
Darjeeling . .	7	6	5	8	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
Furreedpore . .	14	20	16	20	...	...	23	19	23	19	1	1
Gya . . .	25	22	24	20	1	3	18	12	17	13	1	...
Hooghly . . .	12	16	12	16	...	...	21	27	21	25	...	2
Howrah . . .	9	8	9	8	...	...	13	16	11	17	2	1
Jessore . . .	21	18	21	16	...	2	29	7	30	7	...	...
Khulna . . .	5	8	7	8	...	...	5	8	5	8	...	...
Midnapore . .	23	43	23	39	...	4	15	20	14	19	1	2
Moorshedabad . .	29	12	22	19	7	...	18	14	17	14	1	1
Mymensingh . .	54	33	57	30	3	6	37	22	33	26	4	...
Noakholly . .	22	11	22	11	...	...	6	16	6	14	...	2
Nuddea . . .	18	24	19	22	...	2	11	33	11	29	...	1
Patna . . .	25	29	26	27	...	2	40	28	39	28	2	2
Pubna . . .	17	16	17	14	...	2	11	16	10	17	1	...
Bogra . . .	5	10	5	9	...	1	8	30	4	17	4	...
Purneah . . .	17	21	17	21	...	...	10	8	12	8	...	...
Rajshahye . .	16	11	14	13	2	...	3	13	3	13	...	...
Maldah . . .	8	10	11	9	...	1	8	11	9	11	...	...
Rungpore . . .	26	17	30	16	...	1	12	12	12	12	...	...
Julpaiguri . .	6	15	9	14	...	1	5	3	5	3	...	...
Sarun . . .	28	28	28	27	...	1	25	26	25	24	...	2
Chumparun . .	23	18	23	17	...	1	9	4	9	4	...	...
Shahabad . .	28	36	27	37	2	1	19	20	17	23	3	...
Tipperah . . .	9	32	14	27	...	5	14	20	14	19	...	1
Mozufferpore . .	14	11	12	10	2	3	23	18	22	19	1	...
Durbhungah . .	24	13	24	13	...	...	23	36	22	38	2	...
24-Pergunnahs . .	35	37	38	35	...	2	58	66	52	69	6	3
Hazareebagh . .	14	12	14	12	.	...	8	2	8	2	...	..
Lohardugga . .	17	23	17	22	...	1	5	4	5	4	...	...
Manbhoom . .	14	12	19	11	2	3	5	4	4	5	1	...
Singbhoom . .	2	5	2	4	...	1		...	...	...	...	..
Rangoon . . .	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Blair . .	1	1	1	1	.	.	...	...	...	...	...	.
TOTAL .	781	726	800	705	30	51	680	695	659	704	39	30
Calcutta . . .	64	50	62	46	2	6	18	30	17	29	1	2
GRAND TOTAL .	845	776	862	751	32	57	698	725	676	733	40	32

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Showing the Results, as affecting Persons, of Appeals and Applications for Revision in the High Court in 1886.

DISTRICTS.	Appeals						Applications for Revision					
	Rejected	Sentenced affirmed.	Sentenced reversed	Sentenced varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	Rejected	Ordered affirmed	Order reversed	Order varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of
Backergunge . .	13	19	1	1	...	...	19	13	15	..	5	...
Beerbhoom . .	10	4	4	...	...	...	5	...	4	1	4	..
Bhaugulpore . .	12	.	1	4	...	...	9	25	12	...	...	...
Monghyr . . .	7	2	2	3	...	..	59	47	26	23	..	1
Burdwan . . .	10	1	..	...	...	...	5	11	7	6	1	...
Bankura . . .	3	...	...	...	..	...	3	...	15	...	...	...
Chittagong . .	6	6	2	3	...	1	7	21	14	3	9	...
Cuttack . . .	10	10	4	2	...	...	...	2	8	...	...	...
Pooree . . .	...	...	2	...	...	...	..	4	2	..	...	...
Balasore . . .	3	1	3	...	...	...	2	3	6	...	4	...
Dacca . . .	25	8	...	5	1	...	25	11	30	3	4	...
Dinagepore . .	7	18	11	2	...	...	5	1	2	1	...	...
Darjeeling . .	6	4	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Furreedpore . .	17	2	3	5	...	...	17	7	12	...	1	...
Gya . . .	30	9	...	...	...	...	9	5	4	6	...	...
Hooghly . . .	15	6	...	...	...	...	26	4	21	3	...	...
Howrah . . .	6	3	...	...	...	...	12	2	2	6	2	...
Jessore . . .	8	1	11	3	...	1	2	7	24	...	3	...
Khulna . . .	5	3	13	1	...	...	16	20	...	7	...	...
Midnapore . .	23	24	3	1	...	...	10	10	15	2	6	...
Moorshedabad . .	28	2	...	2	...	...	5	9	16	...	...	...
Mymensingh . .	25	11	6	17	...	...	19	5	15	2	4	...
Noakholly . .	8	2	1	...	...	...	14	6	6	1	1	...
Nuddea . . .	20	9	...	1	...	...	32	11	30	6	13	...
Patna . . .	31	3	...	4	1	...	15	18	7	5	1	...
Pubna . . .	19	3	3	1	...	...	4	4	15	2	2	...
Bogra . . .	5	6	1	...	...	...	2	11	5	2	4	...
Purneah . . .	16	5	16	14	...	...	2	4	3	3	1	...
Rajshahye . .	8	14	2	5	...	...	5	12	33	...	...	...
Maldah . . .	5	15	2	1	...	...	16	...	6	...	1	...
Rungpore . .	12	2	1	1	..	...	1	2	15	6	1	...
Julpaiguri . .	5	13	1	4	...	...	1	2	2	..	...	...
Sarun . . .	21	6	1	4	...	...	22	2	13	9	6	...
Chumparun . .	20	5	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	1	...	..
Shahabad . .	31	14	1	13	...	...	33	14	8	1	...	...
Tipperah . . .	24	12	2	5	...	..	25	36	6	...	4	.
Mozufferpore . .	5	6	1	1	...	..	19	4	12	2	1	...
Durbhungah . .	7	3	...	6	1	...	17	31	14	6	6	..
24-Pergunnahs . .	56	2	1	4	...	...	62	36	45	2	20	. .
Hazareebagh . .	8	8	7	1	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...
Lohardugga . .	42	4	2	...	...	...	1	...	3	1	...	...
Manbhoom . .	5	5	1	1	...	1	12	2	2	1	...	...
Singbhoom . .	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rangoon . . .	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Blair . .	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total .	626	273	109	117	3	3	541	402	481	111	104	1
Calcutta . . .	50	15	2	3	1	...	11	8	17	3	4	.
GRAND TOTAL .	676	288	111	120	4	3	552	410	498	114	108	1

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Criminal business coming before the High Court from the Lower Provinces of Bengal in 1886 (Appellate Jurisdiction).

Description of Cases.	Remaining from 1885.	Filed in 1886.	Disposed of in 1886.	Remaining at the close of 1886.
Appeals				
By persons convicted — From the orders of the Presidency Magistrates.	2	50	46	6
By persons convicted — Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 34, Criminal Procedure Code.	1	5	6	...
By persons convicted — Sessions Judges . . .	29*	721†	699	51
By the Local Government — From the judgments of acquittal of all Courts.	...	...	...	...
Total	32	776	751	57
References.				
Cases in which the Sessions Judge dissented from the verdict of a Jury, and referred under Section 307, Criminal Procedure Code.	3	22	24	1
Cases in which sentence of death passed by Sessions Judges was referred for confirmation under Section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.	4	28	26	6
Cases in which proceedings held against persons who cannot understand them are referred for orders under Section 341, Criminal Procedure Code.	...	5	5	...
Total .	7	55	55	7
Revision.				
Cases referred for revision by District Magistrates and Sessions Judges under Sections 432 and 438, Criminal Procedure Code.	15	237	232	20
Cases dealt with by the Court under Section 435, Criminal Procedure Code.				
(1) Cases decided by Magistrates . .	21	450	460	11
(2) Ditto by Sessions Judges .	4	38	41	1
Cases dealt with under Section 526, Criminal Procedure Code.	3	49	50	2
Total .	43	774	783	34
Full Bench References	2	...	2	...
Miscellaneous orders in Court . . .	...	14	14	...
Total .	2	14	16	...
GRAND TOTAL .	84	1,619	1,605	98

* Of these appeals, one is from Rangoon.
† One of these came from Port Blair.
Note.—Besides the above, 321 orders were passed out of Court in review of periodical Criminal Returns and Sessions Statements.

Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts in 1886.

DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS					TOTAL.	CHARGES.						TOTAL.	Results, plus or minus.
	In Court-fee stamps		In cash or special stamps				Share of officers' salary debitable to Criminal Justice.	Establishment.			Contingencies.			
	Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Copying and comparing fees.	Other receipts credited to Government.			Process-servers.	Salaried copying and comparing clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to copyist not on the fixed establishment	Other contingencies and refunds.		
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	8,643	10,585	12,708	2,594	4,370	38,600	47,571	5,219	248	12,172	1,282	10,036	76,528	—38,028
Beerbhoom	2,381	3,114	6,698	716	4,474	17,383	30,368	2 014	7	7,122	358	4,076	43,945	—26,562
Bhaugulpore	3,150	5,362	9,006	2,449	238	20,204	36,049	2,720	243	7,917	1,224	2,934	51,687	—31,483
Monghyr	5,185	7,936	15,005	3,211	272	31,609	28,074	2,073	497	9,545	1,605	3,908	45,702	—14,093
Burdwan	5,832	7,731	9,927	1,774	5,385	30,619	51,893	2,130	20	12,843	886	6,613	74,385	—43,766
Bankura	2,218	2,941	2,542	799	265	8,758	21,475	1,409	2	7,407	382	2,735	33,410	—29,657
Chittagong	7,004	8,960	14,606	1,810	588	32,968	28,270	1,780	259	9,990	853	6,056	47,198	—14,230
Cuttack	3,188	4,784	11,025	1,142	455	19,594	40,230	1,499		9,177	567	6,418	57,890	—38,296
Pooree	1,644	3,807	10,372	682	2,990	19,994	17,817	835	...	6,995	391	1,485	27,463	—7,469
Balasore	1,765	3,068	6,753	715	138	12,439	21,692	506	.	6,211	357	3,867	32,633	—20,194
Dacca	17,123	9,401	20,471	3,126	12,063	62,183	53,845	5,290	300	10,868	1,565	13,597	85,460	—23,277
Dinagepore	3,389	395	6,358	1,148	462	11,752	30,904	1,963	5,024	659	478	3,186	41,604	—29,852
Darjeeling	376	532	10,513	57	772	12,250	20,824	510	24	2,089	192	6,040	29,619	—17,369
Furreedpore	5,918	6,410	14,639	2,685	12,126	41,778	34,299	3,074	30	9,295	1,342	11,501	59,541	—17,763
Gya	3,333	5,682	14,647	1,629	7,462	32,753	45,980	2,225	...	7,718	814	7,505	64,242	—31,489
Hooghly	7,927	11,642	16,395	3,516	1,411	40,891	48,055	2,591	73	13,374	1,758	4,086	69,937	—29,046
Howrah	3,932	6,523	14,890	1,512	334	27,189	38,020	1,334	4	8,095	756	6,727	55,336	—28,647
Jessore	7,038	7,618	12,325	1,458	1,036	29,675	29,709	5,352	80	12,767	768	5,947	54,623	—24,948
Khulna	4,194	4,223	6,404	1,380	974	17,175	20,918	2,599	80	7,491	690	7,637	48,415	—31,240
Midnapore	9,059	11,562	16,123	3,606	353	40,703	44,286	3,332	513	12,966	1,843	13,974	76,914	—36,121
Moorshedabad	4,797	5,344	13,113	1,912	523	25,689	36,817	2,585	63	12,271	896	9,797	62,429	—36,740
Mymensingh	11,611	15,227	35,809	2,694	1,898	67,239	54,599	6,543	32	14,148	1,842	7,840	83,504	—16,265
Noakholly	10,709	10,139	11,234	1,244	547	33,872	20,099	3,237	5	11,870	487	2,806	38,504	—4,632
Nuddea	5,513	7,065	18,543	2,545	1,595	35,261	58,816	2,558	112	4,029	1,272	5,341	72,128	—36,867
Patna	3,016	5,148	12,107	3,387	535	24,196	57,200	2,562	...	13,571	1,531	6,537	81,401	—57,205
Pubna	6,717	4,020	5,610	1,534	957	18,844	35,213	2,154	14	8,120	738	4,189	50,734	—31,890
Bogra	3,194	4,258	10,294	937	1,445	20,128	16,072	1,018	1	5,076	468	4,146	27,681	—7,553
Purneah	3,818	6,640	9,209	1,589	53,446	73,702	32,394	1,530	...	8,923	845	4,550	48,242	+25,460
Rajshahye	3,517	4,718	10,244	1,416	700	20,595	33,900	2,142	13	9,573	708	1,532	47,868	—27,273
Maldah	1,957	2,183	4,451	220	19,844	28,655	19,857	1,680	1	3,869	216	2,839	28,462	+193
Rungpore	3,709	5,230	9,761	1,469	750	21,009	42,919	2,716	20	11,445	735	8,594	66,429	—45,420
Julpaiguri	1,192	1,842	5,483	384	455	9,346	19,869	1,402	1	6,079	192	9,091	36,334	—26,988
Sarun	4,980	6,710	21,496	2,820	36,963	72,700	36,398	3,413	13	6,464	1,410	12,806	60,504	+12,205
Chumparun	3,850	4,204	5,703	866	20,985	35,608	26,780	2,115	4	6,129	353	8,968	44,349	—8,651
Shahabad	5,926	6,310	13,870	2,176	451	28,733	50,090	3,038	153	8,082	1,083	3,746	66,192	—37,459
Tipperah	5,917	9,965	21,059	1,258	555	41,754	44,460	3,567	5	12,648	830	7,908	69,418	—27,664
Mozufferpore	5,234	3,865	9,509	1,935	727	21,310	36,713	2,446	10	6,215	993	3,376	49,753	—28,434
Durbhungah	3,123	5,551	10,000	2,303	2,014	23,091	32,141	1,317	210	8,719	1,152	4,106	47,645	—24,554
24-Pergunnahs	12,091	15,690	44,617	3,964	1,552	77,654	82,824	5,543	356	20,287	1,894	5,512	1,16,316	—38,662
Hazareebagh	1,641	2,096	5,134	439	1,996	11,306	26,909	777		3,545	219	3,046	34,490	—23,184
Lohardugga	1,802	3,886	5,973	1,059	955	13,645	31,584	1,428	..	2,988	469	5,682	42,151	—28,506
Manbhoom	3,001	3,177	6,330	559	57	12,124	21,887	1,427	126	5,868	279	1,956	31,043	—18,919
Singbhoom	253	243	2,176	26	53	2,752	14,671	184	.	1,887	13	330	17,085	—14,333
TOTAL Courts of Magistrates	2,11,524	2,50,465	5,19,030	68,485	2,04,009	12,53,503	11,79,012	1,00,706	7,081	3,45,938	34,027	2,34,557	19,01,921	—6,48,418
TOTAL Courts of Session	269	5,385	4,235	4,289	32	14,310	3,57,163	3,130	762	23,260	1,989	18,460	4,04,773	—3,90,463
TOTAL	2,11,793	2,55,850	5,23,265	72,774	2,04,041	12,67,813	15,36,175	1,03,836	8,443	3,69,198	36,016	2,53,026	23,06,694	—10,38,881
CALCUTTA. Presidency Magistrates		563	79,535		5,491	85,589	33,000	.	..	18,080		1,292	52,372	+33,217
CALCUTTA. High Court		3,731	...	..	...	3,731	95,000	.	..	33,772	..	3,016	1,31,788	—1,28,057
GRAND TOTAL	2,11,793	2,60,144	6,02,800	72,774	2,09,532	13,57,133	16,64,175	1,03,836	8,443	4,21,050	36,016	2,57,334	24,90,854	—11,33,721

ANNUAL STATEMENTS.

Annual Statement—1—(Criminal).

Statement showing the Number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising Jurisdiction in Criminal Cases in the Lower Provinces of Bengal on the last day of the year, the Work done and the Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts in 1886.

DISTRICTS.	Area.	Population.	Number of Sessions Divisions.	Number of Divisions of Districts (including Sudder Divisions.)	Total Number of Officers.				Number of Benches of Magistrates.	Number of Criminal Cases originally decided.						Number of Criminal Cases decided on Appeal.			Total Receipts of the Criminal Courts.	Total Charges of the Criminal Courts.
					Judges of the High Court.	Sessions Judges of all grades.	Magistrates of all grades.			By the High Court.	By Courts of Sessions.	By District Magistrates.	By other Stipendiary Magistrates.	By Special and Honorary Magistrates.	By Benches of Magistrates.	By the High Court.	By Courts of Session.	By District Magistrates or other Magistrates empowered.		
							Stipendiary.	Special and Honorary Magistrates.												
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Backergunge	3,649	1,900,889	1	4	...	1	10	20	4	2	47	62	3,378	2	260	23	231	155	38,500	76,528
Beerbhoom	1,756	794,428	1	2	...	1	4	12	1	...	29	106	1,398	...	84	16	89	31	17,383	43,945
Bhaugulpore	4,268	1,966,158	1	4	...	1	11	52	5	2	40	14	1,445	...	838	13	111	42	20,204	51,687
Monghyr	3,921	1,969,774		3	...		9	55	5	...	41	17	2,645	...	1,063	12	165	122	31,609	45,702
Burdwan	2,697	1,391,823	1	4	...	1	12	149	12	...	24	29	2,373	...	1,304	7	78	68	30,619	74,385
Bankura	2,621	1,041,752		2	...	1	6	21	2	...	20	15	1,333	...	132	3	21	50	8,753	38,410
Chittagong	2,567	1,132,341	1	2	...	1	10	21	3	...	24	28	2,348	...	91	11	106	80	32,968	47,198
Cuttack	3,666	1,738,165	1	4	...	1	9	15	2	...	23	149	2,422	...	213	20	128	61	19,594	57,890
Pooree	2,473	888,487		2	...		7	12	3	1	11	154	1,402	...	611	1	72	122	19,994	27,463
Balasore	2,066	945,280		2	...		6	12	2	...	7	8	844	273	179	6	78	31	12,439	32,633
Dacca	2,797	2,116,350	1	4	...	1	12	30	4	3	62	3	2,834	231	710	24	259	28	62,183	85,460
Dinagepore	4,118	1,514,346	1	1	...	1	7	8	2	...	33	117	1,406	...	982	12	102	33	11,752	41,604
Darjeeling	1,234	154,351	1	3	...	1	5	8	2	...	11	13	1,518	58	519	8	37	38	12,250	29,619
Furreedpore	2,267	1,631,734	1	3	...	1	9	19	3	...	29	49	1,829	..	346	20	202	60	41,778	59,541
Gya	4,712	2,124,682	1	4	...	1	10	20	3	...	63	23	2,159	...	1,141	20	160	81	32,753	64,242
Hooghly	1,223	1,015,005	1	3	...	2	9	79	10	5	35	23	3,058	...	1,870	16	140	45	40,891	99,937
Howrah	476	635,381	1	2	...	2	6	72	2	2	27	31	2,308	...	2,547	8	92	43	27,189	55,836
Jessore	2,925	1,989,375	1	5	...	1	11	71	7	2	45	...	2,412	...	669	16	138	53	29,675	54,623
Khulna	2,077	1,079,948	1	3	...	1	7	30	6	2	28	4	1,419	...	280	8	101	40	17,175	48,415

Midnapore	5,082	2,515,565	1	4	...	1	14	112	9	1	70	33	3,303	...	1,403	39	30	139	40,793	76,914
Moorshedabad	2,144	1,226,790	1	4	...	1	9	87	5	2	31	2	2,665	...	698	19	235	82	25,689	62,429
Mymensingh	6,287	3,051,966	1	5	...	1	11	55	5	...	66	6	3,813	...	951	30	371	108	67,239	83,504
Noakhally	1,641	820,772	1	2	...	1	8	...	1	..	18	111	1,735	...	222	11	137	125	33,872	38,504
Nuddea	2,755	1,655,721	1	5	...	1	12	94	14	3	42	30	2,530	12	981	22	206	77	35,261	72,128
Patna	2,079	1,756,856	1	4	...	1	11	51	7	9	53	28	1,783	...	3,678	27	171	166	24,196	81,401
Pubna	1,847	1,311,728	1	2	...	1	8	23	2	...	36	25	1,730	...	245	14	108	106	18,844	50,734
Bogra	1,498	734,358		1	...		5	33	2	...	15	36	955	67	213	9	42	68	20,128	27,681
Purneah	4,956	1,848,687	1	3	...	1	9	29	3	...	34	26	1,608	1	149	21	75	89	73,702	48,242
Rajshahye	2,361	1,338,638	1	3	...	1	10	22	3	...	25	11	1,610	112	118	13	136	103	20,595	47,868
Maldah	1,945	711,487		1	..		4	14	2	...	15	27	1,180	63	152	9	64	51	28,655	28,462
Rungpore	3,486	2,097,964	1	4	...	1	10	44	3	1	26	5	1,882	...	303	16	176	78	21,009	66,429
Julpaiguri	2,884	582,390		2	...		7	6	2	1	21	19	848	..	139	14	71	29	9,346	38,334
Sarun	2,622	2,280,382	1	3	...	1	8	20	3	2	51	28	2,788	6	745	27	174	134	72,709	60,504
Chumparun	3,531	1,721,608		2	...		7	4	1	2	29	156	1,574	...	80	17	177	12	35,698	44,349
Shahabad	4,365	1,964,909	1	4	...	1	11	44	6	...	58	30	2,031	14	751	37	187	112	28,733	66,192
Tipperah	2,491	1,519,338	1	3	...	1	10	37	3	...	45	9	2,522	...	424	27	237	102	41,754	69,418
Mozufferpore	3,003	2,582,060	1	3	...	1	9	28	5	...	32	3	2,121	...	1,047	10	163	31	21,319	49,753
Durbhungah	3,335	2,633,447		3	...		8	52	7	...	24	18	1,875	..	631	13	144	50	23,081	47,645
24-Pergunnahs	2,097	1,618,420	1	7	...	2	21	140	9	8	96	1	8,541	279	3,325	35	370	74	77,654	1,16,316
Hazareebagh	7,021	1,104,742		2	...		8	..	..	1	26	46	1,256	...	...	12	75	50	11,806	34,490
Lohardugga	12,045	1,609,244	1	2	...	1	10	1	1	...	54	17	1,852	35	136	22	88	77	13,645	42,151
Manbhoom	4,147	1,058,228		2	..		9	2	...	...	18	48	1,090	111	...	11	71	67	12,124	31,013
Singbhoom	3,753	453,775		1	...		4	2	1	...	3	65	310	...	107	4	22	3	2,752	17,085
TOTAL	138,888	64,179,344	28	129	...	31	383	1,606	172	49	1,487	1,625	90,133	1,264	30,278	703	5,890	3,121	12,67,813	23,06,694
Calcutta	8	433,219	1	2	15	..	2	93	2	39	..	...	23,251	...	10,471	46	...	...	89,320	1,84,160
GRAND TOTAL	138,896	64,612,563	29	131	15	31*	385	1,699	174	88	1,487	1,625	113,384	1,264	40,749	749	5,890	3,121	13,57,133	24,90,854

* The number of officers is 30 only, as the Additional Session Judge of the 24-Pergunnahs who is also the Additional Sessions Judge of Hugli, is entered twice.

Annual Statement– 2—(Criminal).

Statement of Offences reported and of Persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each Offence in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1886.

Nomenclature of Offences with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of head of crime.	Number of Cases.					Number of Persons				
		Offences reported.	Complaints dismissed under Section 203, C. P. C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
					I.—Offences under the Penal Code.						
Offences against the State.											
Chapter VI, Sections 121 to 130	1	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
Offences against the Army and Navy.											
Chapter VII, Sections 131 to 140	2	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
Offences against the public Tranquillity.											
Chapter VIII, Sections 143 to 145, 149 to 151, 157, 158—Unlawful assembly	3	1,109	207	59	843	675	3,063	1,118	1,774	8	163
„ „ „ 147, 148, 152, and 153 to 156—Rioting, &c.	4	1,886	135	96	1,655	1,551	7,835	2,473	4,605	17	740
„ „ Section 160—Affray	5	324	2	...	322	314	893	94	796	...	3
Offences by or relating to public servants.											
Chapter IX, Sections 161 to 169—By public servants	6	158	23	9	126	122	178	99	69	1	9
„ „ „ 161, 170, and 171—Relating to public servants	7	99	7	2	90	82	102	42	59	...	1
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants.											
Chapter X, Sections 172 to 190	8	4,455	92	14	4,349	4,106	6,913	2,186	4,540	11	176
False evidence and offences against public officers.											

Chapter XI, Sections 193 to 200—False evidence, subornation, &c., of public servants	9	775	19	2	754	723	887	420	402	8	57
" " " 201 to 229—Offences against public justice	10	2,582	56	24	2,502	2,366	3,066	1,462	1,433	10	161
Offences relating to coin and Government stamps.											
Chapter XII, Sections 231 to 254—Offences relating to coin	11	132	4	2	126	113	123	35	85	...	3
" " " 255 to 263—Offences relating to stamps	12	19	1	1	17	15	21	11	10	...	...
Offences relating to weights and measures.											
Chapter XIII, Sections 264 to 267	13	269	7	2	260	259	306	87	216	...	3
Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.											
Chapter XIV, Sections 269 to 278—Offences affecting public health	14	283	12	6	265	245	497	99	392	...	6
" " " 279 to 289 " " safety	15	1,897	10	12	1,875	1,829	2,668	247	2,405	...	16
" " " 290 & 291 " " convenience	16	4,101	3	2	4,096	4,074	5 669	167	5,499	...	3
" " " 292 to 294 " " decency and morals	17	374	16	11	347	333	512	48	463	...	1
" " Section 294A—Keeping lottery office or publishing proposals for lottery	17*a*	6	...	...	6	6	10	1	5	...	4
Offences relating to religion.											
Chapter XV, Sections 295 to 298	18	42	7	2	33	30	42	19	22	...	1
Offences affecting the human body.											
Chapter XVI, Sections 302 and 303—Murder	19	324	5	22	297	244	611	359	106	7	139
" " Section 307—Attempt at murder	20	58	2	9	47	38	52	27	18	...	7
" " " 304—Culpable homicide	21	243	6	21	216	201	484	245	168	3	68
" " " 304A—Causing death by rash or negligent act	21*a*	86	4	4	78	73	113	59	48	1	5
" " " 308—Attempt at culpable homicide	22	4	1	...	3	3	3	...	2	1	...
" " Sections 305 & 306—Abetment of suicide	23	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	..	...	.
" " Section 309—Attempted suicide	24	426	4	15	407	362	376	98	254	10	14
" " " 311—Thugee, &c.	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Sections 312 to 315—Causing miscarriage	26	44	10	...	34	30	40	29	7	1	3
Attempt	..	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
" " Section 316—Injury to unborn children	27	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 317—Exposure of infants	28	52	...	2	50	38	46	18	22	...	6

Statement of Offences reported and of Persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each Offence in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1886—contd.

Nomenclature of Offences with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of head of crime	Number of Cases.					Number of Persons.				
		Offences reported.	Complaints dismissed under Section 203, Cr. P. C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year
***Offences affecting the human body*—contd.**											
Chapter XVI, Section 318—Concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead body	29	44	...	.	44	35	39	8	25	...	6
„ „ Sections 325 to 331, & 333—Hurt with aggravating circumstances	30	996	35	52	909	820	1,556	574	823	5	154
„ „ „ 323, 324, 332, & 334 to 338—Other cases	31	13,257	2,019	389	10 849	5,939	9,055	4,583	4,232	10	230
„ „ Section 341—Wrongful restraint	32	1,574	375	97	1,102	739	1,152	656	465	...	31
„ „ Sections 342 to 348—Wrongful confinement	33	2,874	690	295	1,889	1,280	2,480	1,584	788	3	105
„ „ „ 352 to 358—Criminal force or assault	34	53,018	9,340	1,887	41,791	18,257	25,429	13,839	11,012	14	564
„ „ „ 364, 366, 367—Kidnapping or forcible abduction with aggravating circumstances	35	110	27	5	78	62	123	79	25	2	17
„ „ „ 363, 365, 368, & 369—Other cases	36	349	84	33	232	184	319	169	112	5	33
„ „ „ 370 & 371—Slavery	37	3	1	..	2	...	...	...	..	...	...
„ „ „ 372 & 373—Buying or selling a minor for the purpose of prostitution	38	23	7	2	14	10	18	13	5	...	...
„ „ Section 374—Forced labour	39	8	..	...	8	7	10	8	2	...	...
„ „ „ 376—Rape	40	201	14	55	132	120	179	130	40	...	9
Attempt	...	2	...	...	2	2	2	2	...	...	...
„ „ „ 377—Unnatural offence	41	75	4	11	60	51	62	41	17	...	4
Attempt	...	...	...	..	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
Offences against property.											
Chapter XVII, Section 382—Theft with aggravating circumstances	42	9	...	.	9	6	19	16	3	..	...
„ „ Sections 379 to 381 & 401—Other cases	43	34,294	4,221	3,223	26,850	16,688	24,754	10,160	13,352	43	1,199
Attempt	...	15	...	...	15	10	14	4	10	...	...
„ „ „ 386 to 389—Extortion with aggravating circumstances	44	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	..	...	...
„ „ „ 384 & 385—Other cases	45	1,136	420	21	695	434	603	426	149	...	28
„ „ Section 294— } Robbery . { With hurt	46	25	...	..	25	24	52	17	30	...	5
„ „ „ 392— } Robbery . { Other cases	47	202	3	49	150	100	201	107	81	...	13
„ „ „ 393— } Robbery . { Attempts	48	2	...	...	2	2	6	4	2	...	...
„ „ „ 396— . . . } Dacoity . { With murder	49	4	...	...	4	4	52	41	11	...	...
„ „ „ 397— . . . } Dacoity . { With attempt to cause death or grievous hurt	50	6	1	...	5	4	15	13	2	...	...
„ „ „ 398— . . . } Dacoity . { Attempted robbery or dacoity when armed with deadly weapons	51	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
„ „ Sections 395, 399, 400, & 402, } Dacoity . { Other cases	52	147	5	29	113	84	520	267	126	5	122
„ „ „ 403 & 404—Criminal misappropriation of property	53	739	200	8	531	393	528	242	271	...	15
„ „ „ 406 to 409— „ breach of trust	54	2,856	854	157	1,845	1,373	1,665	989	592	8	76
Attempt	...	2	1	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
„ „ „ 411 to 414—Receiving or habitually dealing in stolen or plundered property	55	1,960	23	65	1,872	1,829	3,169	1,077	1,979	4	109

„ „ „	417 to 420—Cheating			56	1 918	779	40	1,099	734	962	612	303	...	47
„ „ „	421 to 424—Fraudulent deeds or disposition of property			57	62	22	3	37	18	27	20	7	...	...
„ „ „	429 to 433 & 435 to 440—	Mischief	With aggravating circumstances	58	1,608	160	151	1,297	854	1,392	744	533	7	108
			Attempt	...	11	...	..	11	10	13	4	9	...	...
„ „ „	426 to 428 and 434—		Other cases	59	8,305	2,222	245	5,838	3,430	4,752	2,872	1,754	3	123
„ „ „	459 & 460—	Criminal trespass	Resulting in death or grievous hurt	60	50	2	2	46	35	76	38	34	...	4
„ „ „	449 to 452, 454, 455, 457, & 458—		For commission of serious offences	61	19,779	186	967	18,626	2,482	3,796	1,445	2,141	9	201
			Attempt	...	209	...	2	207	20	30	16	14	...	.
„ „ „	447, 448, 453, 456, 461 & 462—		Other cases	62	13,831	3,308	630	9,893	7,143	11,105	6,231	4,441	9	424
	Offences relating to documents and to trade or property mark.													
Chapter XVIII, Sections 465 to 471 & 474—Forgery or uttering or possessing forged documents or papers				63	201	27	1	173	163	328	196	43	20	69
„ „ „	472 to 476—Counterfeiting or making or possessing a counterfeit seal, &c., for purposes of forgery			64	5	1	...	4	3	3	2	...	...	1
„ „	Section 477—Fraudulently destroying or defacing a will or other document			65	4	2	...	2	2	6	6	...	...	...
„ „	Sections 482, 486, 487 & 488—Using a false trade or property mark and knowingly selling property so marked			66	10	1	..	9	5	8	7	1	...	...
„ „ „	483 to 485—Counterfeiting or making or possessing a die, plate or instrument for counterfeiting trade or property mark			67	2	...	1	1	1	2	...	...	...	2
„ „	Section 489—Removing, destroying, &c., a trade or property mark with intent to cause injury			68	1	...	...	1	1	5	5	...	...	...
	Criminal breach of contracts and service.													
„	XIX, Sections 490 to 492			69	54	19	1	34	22	43	22	20	...	1
	Offences relating to marriage.													
„	XX, Sections 493 to 498			70	4,752	1,837	61	2,854	1,279	1,762	1,409	257	7	89
	Attempt			...	1	...	...	1	1	3	3	...	...	...
	Defamation.													
„	XXI, Sections 500 to 502			71	690	290	16	384	223	284	202	61	...	21
	Criminal intimidation, insult or annoyance.													
„	XXII, Section 506—The threat being to cause death or other grievous hurt			72	324	81	3	240	167	239	92	146	...	1
	Sections 504 to 510—Other cases			73	1,936	383	34	1,519	814	1,091	611	455	2	23
TOTAL OF OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE				...	187,443	28,282	8,853	150,308	83,701	132,465	59,034	67,774	234	5,423

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		Offences reported.	Complaints dismissed under Section 203, C P. C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
Code of Criminal Procedure.					II.—Offences under Special and Local Laws.						
Chapter VIII, Sections 107, 108, 119—Security for keeping the peace	74	3,963	790	24	3,149	2,493	10,775	3,573	6,869	7	326
„ „ „ 109, 110—Security for good behaviour	75	1,282	20	1	1,261	1,167	1,224	332	836	9	47
Other Laws relating to—											
Adulteration of Food, Act III of 1886 (Bengal Council)	...	9	...	...	9	9	14	2	12	...	...
Arms and Ammunition, Acts XXXI of 1860 and XI of 1878	...	1,119	2	4	1,113	1,106	1,198	160	1,022	...	16
Army and Navy	...	12	...	...	12	12	23	1	21	...	1
Canal, Drainage, and Embankment, Acts VI and VIII of 1873	...	38	2	.	36	36	87	23	64	...	...
Cantonment (Military), Acts XXII of 1864 and III of 1880	...	645	1	...	644	619	859	116	741	1	1
Cattle Trespass, Act I of 1877	..	8,315	1,292	286	6,737	2,808	3,967	2,371	1,486	4	106
Code of Civil Procedure	...	29	...	1	28	24	39	12	20	...	7
Contagious Diseases (Animal), Act VIII of 1890	...	41	...	...	41	39	40	4	36	...	...
Contract (Workmen), Act XIII of 1859	...	496	24	6	466	359	374	63	307	...	4
Court Fees, Act I of 1879	..	3	...	...	3	3	3	...	3	...	...
Court of Wards, Act IX of 1879	...	19	...	...	19	15	15	1	...	...	14
Cruelty to Animals, Act I of 1869	...	5,303	...	3	5,300	5,299	7,983	91	7,892	...	...
Customs (Inland), Act VIII of 1878	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
Elephant Preservation	..	3	...	...	3	3	14	3	11	...	...
Emigration (Inland) Act (B. C.) of 1873 and Act I of 1882	...	13	1	...	12	8	15	7	8	...	...
Emigration to Foreign Ports, Act VII of 1871	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	..	1	...	...
Excise (Abkari Opium), Acts XXI of 1856, XXIII of 1876, and I and VII of 1878	...	3,972	5	43	3,924	3,863	4,399	663	3,686	5	45
Ferries, Act II of 1873	...	86	3	...	83	78	113	44	64	...	5
Fire Brigade and Jute Warehouse, Act V (B. C.) of 1876	...	17	...	...	17	17	27	7	20	...	...
Forest, Act VII of 1878	...	830	...	1	829	684	1,303	140	1,110	1	52
Gambling, Act II of 1867	...	270	...	...	270	270	981	116	852	...	13
Hackney and Stage Carriages, Act V of 1866, XVI of 1861, and XIV of 1879	...	2,311	2	8	2,301	2,227	2 390	248	2,142	...	...
Howrah Bridge, Act IX of 1871	...	7	...	...	7	7	7	1	6	...	...
„ Local, Act XXI of 1857	...	242	...	...	242	242	454	49	404	...	1
Income Tax, Act II of 1886	...	3	...	...	3	3	3	1	2	...	...

Indian Articles of War, Act V of 1869	...	4	...	...	4	3	5	1	1	...	3
Inoculation, Act IV of 1865	...	32	...	...	32	31	37	7	30	...	...
Irrigation, Act III (B. C.) of 1876	...	12	...	...	12	12	56	17	39	...	...
Jails, Acts II of 1864, V of 1865, and XXVI of 1870	...	20	...	...	20	20	23	6	17	...	...
Legal Practitioners, Act XVIII of 1879	..	12	...	...	12	11	12	7	5	...	...
Lock Hospital Rules	...	1	...	...	1	1	2	...	2	...	...
Lodging Houses, Act IV (B. C.) of 1871	...	256	...	...	256	253	273	28	245	...	...
Merchant Shipping, Acts I of 1859 and III (B. C.) of 1867	...	244	...	...	244	241	438	40	398	...	...
Municipalities, Acts IV and V (B C.) of 1876	...	30,402	11	41	30,350	20,718	22,813	3,643	18,969	7	194
Petroleum, Act VIII of 1881	..	18	...	...	18	16	24	1	23	...	...
Police (District), Act V of 1861	...	15,064	4	5	15,055	14,941	16,886	1,557	15,204	2	43
Police (Town), Acts II and IV of 1866	...	8,944	...	...	8,944	8,936	12,561	181	12,379	...	1
Poppy, Act XIII of 1857	...	3	...	...	3	3	4	...	4	...	...
Porters	...	3	...	...	3	1	3	3	...	...	...
Ports, Act XII of 1875	...	2,290	...	...	2,290	2,289	3,061	6	3,055	...	...
Post Office, Act XIV of 1866	...	31	1	...	30	30	33	11	20	...	2
Prisoners, Acts II of 1864, IX of 1866, and V of 1871	...	9	..	...	9	10	14	1	13	...	...
Purchasing—from Soldiers, Arms, Clothing, &c.	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Railways, Act IV of 1879	...	1,712	17	10	1,685	1,635	2,185	265	1,908	1	11
Registration of Births and Deaths, Act IV of 1873	...	647	...	...	647	608	682	136	544	...	2
Registration of Documents, Act XIII of 1877	...	76	2	...	74	69	131	66	60	...	5
Resistance of Apprehension, Act X of 1882	...	9	...	...	9	10	13	5	8	...	...
Road Cess, Act IX of 1880	...	345	...	...	345	345	485	157	327	...	1
Rural Police Act	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	..	...
Sari, Act XXII of 1867	...	2	1	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	..
Salt, Acts VII and XXXI of 1861, VII of 1864, and VIII of 1875	...	653	...	...	653	627	676	33	641	1	1
Smoke nuisance	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	..	...
Stamps, Acts X of 1862, XVIII of 1869, and I of 1879	...	865	2	1	862	799	1,128	184	934	...	10
Telegraph	...	10	...	...	10	9	12	3	9	...	...
Tenancy, Act VIII of 1885	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tolls, Act V of 1864	...	10	...	...	10	8	9	1	8	...	...
Tramways, Act I (B. C.) of 1880	...	41	...	...	41	38	45	12	33	...	...
Treasure Trove, Act VI of 1878	...	6	...	...	6	6	6	1	5	...	...
Vaccination, Act V of 1880	...	425	...	...	425	266	914	539	375	...	...
Vagrancy, Act IX of 1874	...	53	...	...	53	53	65	10	55	...	...
TOTAL OF OFFENCES UNDER SPECIAL LAWS	...	91,233	2,181	434	88,618	73,386	98,909	14,951	83,009	38	911
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL OFFENCES	...	278,676	30,463	9,287	238,926	157,807	231,374	73,985	150,783	272	6,334

Annual Statement—3—(Criminal).

Statement of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during 1886.

Nature of Proceedings	Total number dealt with during the year.		Disposed of during the year.			Remarks
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.		
				Discharged.	Convicted.	
1. Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter VI c and Section 485 . .	78	78	77	35	42	
2. Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent breach of the peace . . .	3,002	11,723	2,845	3,573	7,817	
3. Proceedings under Chapter VIII—Security for good behaviour . . .	1,199	1,224	1,149	332	836	
4. Proceedings against local nuisances—Chapter X	551	956	522	299	648	
5. Possession—Chapter XII	352	...	332	...	...	
6. Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XX, Section 250	980	981	980	9	972	
7. Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors—Chapter XXIII, Section 332 . .	36	36	36	20	16	
8. Maintenance—Chapter XXXVI	911	911	889	485	404	
9. Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under Chapter XLII	974	1,348	969	198	1,144	
Total	8,083	17,257	7,799	4,951	11,879	

Note.—Besides the persons shown in this statement, there were 18 cases for the restoration of abducted females under Chapter XLVI, Section 551 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Annual Statement—4—(Criminal).

Statement showing the General Result of Criminal Trials in the Tribunals of various Classes in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1886.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.								PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF.									NUMBER OF CASES					
	Remaining at the end of the previous year.	BROUGHT TO TRIAL DURING THE YEAR.						TOTAL.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Discharged or acquitted.	CONVICTED				Committed or referred.	Total of columns 11 to 16.	Persons under trial at the end of the year.	Brought to trial during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.	Disposed of summarily.	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses examined.
		Under arrest by police.	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Received on commitment or reference.	Received by transfer.				On regular trial.		On summary trial.										
											Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.	Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.									
1.—MAGISTRATES.																							
Village Officers	..	...	.	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .	65	.	6	...	...	...	97	14	64	53	14	...	...	...	182
SUBORDINATE MAGISTRATES. Special Magistrate under Section 14	9	21	9	72	..	...	...	111	...	26	1,041	6	..	32	...	...	...	1,633	32	959	964	16	...	33	7·1	2,882
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly. 2nd and 3rd class	38	627	28	968	4	...	...	1,665	...	560	3	181	...	1	...	...	...	262	1	247	247	1	2	1·9	821
1st class	2	13	8	131	37	...	...	263	..	77	20,463	197	...	.	552	38,837	1,509	26,278	26,336	869	271	13·3	100,179
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly. 2nd and 3rd class	1,396	15,231	2,321	20,500	937	...	2	40,387	41	17,625	14,202	28,084	365	48,845	2,285	134,366	3,824	87,335	87,048	2,043	40,960	8·1	254,858
1st class	3,697	31,072	7,666	43,818	1,985	...	37	138,275	185	40,485	5,136	3,754	7,090	18,245	12	47,557	528	40,720	40,749	442	29,727	3·2	50,350
Benches of Magistrates	654	12,744	1,489	32,953	257	...	...	48,097	12	13,320	193	37	...	.	6	255	1	176	183	1	...	8·7	32
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347, 349	7	. .	...	...	.	249	...	256	...	19	238	335	11	690	89	2,031	51	1,425	1,431	39	582	7 01	4,491
CHIEF MAGISTRATES OF DISTRICTS. Under ordinary powers	65	1,124	122	709	55	8	2	2,085	3	668	9	...	...	...	2	15	..	11	11	...	1	17·4	50
Under special powers under Section 34	...	14	...		1	...	...	15	.	4	41,350	32,594	7,498	67,781	2,946	224,953	5,960	157,215	157,022	3,425	71,576	7·7	413,845
TOTAL	5,863	110,846	11,715	99,151	3,276	257	41	221,154	241	72,784													
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																							
Assistant Judges	..	...	...	...	...	18	...	18	..	9	1	..	...	...	1	11	7	8	6	2	...	47·17	57
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	403	...	...	.	...	2,642	43	3,088	31	1,159	1,414	49	..	10	70	2,702	355	1,449	1,478	202	10	48·3	10,962
JUDGES. Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.	..	.	...	...	...	2		2	..	...	2	. .	...	...	...	2	...	2	2	...	...	12·	...
Cases referred by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.	...		...		...	1	..	1	...	...	1*	...		.	..	1	. .	1	1	...	.	23·	...
TOTAL	403	..			.	2,663†	43	3,109	31	1,168	1,418	49	...	10	71	2,716	362	1,460	1,487	204	10	48·2	11,019
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																							
HIGH COURT. Cases under Sections 447 and 526, C. P. C.	1	...	...	.	...	1	...	2	...	. .	...	1		...	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	7·	...
Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	2	1	...		...	48	..	51	...	13	...	33	...	...	. .	46	5	41	39	4	...	27·4	411
Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.	5		...	...	...	36	...	41	...	14	...	25	...	...	...	39	1	22	24	1	...	27·4	...
Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 374, C. P. C.	3	...	...	...	...	34	...	37	...	6	...	25	...	.	...	31	6	28	25	6	...	26·	...
TOTAL	11	1	...	...	...	119	...	131	.	33	..	84‡	.	...	...	117	13	92	89	12	...	26·8	411
GRAND TOTAL	6,282	110,847	11,715	99,151	3,276	3,039	84	234,394*	272	73,985	42,768	32,727	7,498	67,791	3,017	227,785	6,335	158,767	158,598	3,641	71,586	8·1	425,275

* The case of 1 person was remanded for trial.

† Of these 4 persons were committed to the Sessions Court by the Sessions Judge.

‡ Besides these, one person received on commitment from Rangoon and who was pending trial at the close of 1885, was tried and convicted during the year.

Annual Statement—5—(Criminal).

Statement showing the Punishments inflicted by the various Criminal Tribunals in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction in the year 1886.

PERSONS SENTENCED TO / **PERSONS ORDERED TO FIND OR GIVE** / **PERSONS IMPRISONED IN DEFAULT OF SECURITY FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR**

Class of Tribunal	Death.	Transportation: For life.	Transportation: For a term.	Penal servitude.	Imprisonment, Rigorous: With solitary confinement.	Imprisonment, Rigorous: Without solitary confinement.	Imprisonment: Simple.	Forfeiture of property.	Fine: With imprisonment.	Fine: Without imprisonment.	Whipping: In addition to other punishment.	Whipping: In lieu of other punishment.	Sureties of the peace.	Recognizance to keep the peace.	Sureties for good behaviour.	One year and under.	Three years and under.
I.—MAGISTRATES.																	
Village officers under Section 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Special Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	1	55	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Honorary Magistrates sitting singly, 2nd and 3rd class	...	...	...	...	...	37	4	...	5	1,031	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Honorary Magistrates sitting singly, 1st class	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	1	179	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly, 2nd and 3rd class	...	...	...	...	1	4,136	194	...	1,118	16,043	3	51	39	173	24	21	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly, 1st class	...	...	...	...	74	17,781	628	...	2,679	63,064	106	1,163	3,627	3,861	675	564	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Benches of Magistrates	...	...	...	...	1	993	48	...	127	30,497	2	45	1	94	2	2	...
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347, 349	...	...	...	...	3	181	...	...	17	2	12	44	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts: Under ordinary powers	...	...	...	...	...	288	25	...	33	755	3	41	39	63	111	86	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts: Under special powers under Section 34	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	79	23,445	899	...	3,881	111,626	126	1,346	3,706	4,191	813	674	...
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																	
Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	...	76	74	...	17	1,245	15	...	58	2	13	4	6	...	23	3	21
Judges: Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges: Ditto ditto by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	76	75	...	17	1,248	15	...	60	2	13	4	6	...	23	3	21
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																	
High Court: Cases coming before the Court under Sections 477 and 526, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court: Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	2	2	2	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court: Cases referred by Session Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court: Ditto ditto Section 374, C. P. C.	17	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	19	11	2	...	...	52	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	19	87	77	...	96	24,745	914	...	3,941	111,628	140	1,350	3,712	4,191(a)	836	676(b)	22(b)

DETAIL OF PUNISHMENTS

Class of Tribunal	Fine: R10 and under.	Fine: R50 and under.	Fine: R100 and under.	Fine: R500 and under.	Fine: R1,000 and under.	Fine: Above R1,000.	Total amount of fines imposed during the year.	Total amount of fines realised during the year.	Amount paid by way of compensation.	Imprisonment, 15 days & under: Rigorous.	15 days & under: Simple.	6 months & under: Rigorous.	6 months & under: Simple.	2 years & under: Rigorous.	2 years & under: Simple.	7 years & under: Rigorous.	7 years & under: Simple.	Above 7 years: Rigorous.	Above 7 years: Simple.	Whipped: 10 stripes and under.	Whipped: 20 stripes and under.	Whipped: 30 stripes and under.	Number of boys whose sentences were commuted to detention in a Reformatory School.
I.—MAGISTRATES.																							
Village officers under Section 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Special Magistrates	45	11	...	...	...	...	407	359	...	8	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Honorary Magistrates sitting singly, 2nd and 3rd class	1,008	28	...	...	...	...	4,600	4,445	245	20	2	17	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Honorary Magistrates sitting singly, 1st class	146	34	...	...	...	...	1,681	1,681	337	2	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly, 2nd and 3rd class	14,476	2,594	85	6	...	...	124,621	110,462	10,232	1,363	142	2,754	56	37	...	...	...	...	...	26	25	3	2
Subordinate Magistrates: Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly, 1st class	57,791	7,183	479	174	15	1	474,433	403,752	28,315	3,050	403	11,326	224	4,007	7	30	...	...	...	555	531	183	48
Subordinate Magistrates: Benches of Magistrates	29,367	1,229	25	3	...	...	90,652	88,711	3,666	453	36	497	13	44	1	...	...	...	...	24	18	5	1
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347, 349	5	13	...	1	...	...	790	120	...	3	...	54	...	124	...	3	...	...	...	15	32	9	4
Chief Magistrates of Districts: Under ordinary powers	677	90	17	3	1	...	7,651	6,318	193	46	11	206	14	119	2	1	...	...	...	24	20	...	7
Chief Magistrates of Districts: Under special powers under Section 34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	103,515	11,182	606	187	16	1	704,835	614,346	42,988	4,945	594	14,865	309	4,335	10	39	...	...	...	646	626	200	62
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																							
Assistant Judges	...	1	...	...	...	...	50	50	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	...	30	16	8	2	4	14,527	4,245	100	13	7	176	6	348	2	692	1	56	...	...	7	10	1
Judges: Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.	...	...	1	...	...	...	100		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges: Ditto ditto by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	31	17	8	2	4	14,677	4,295	100	13	7	176	6	349	2	694	1	56	...	...	7	10	1
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																							
High Court: Cases coming before the Court under Sections 477 and 526, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court: Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	23	...	1	...	...	1	...	...
High Court: Cases referred by Session Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court: Ditto ditto Section 374, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	31	...	1	...	...	1	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	103,515	11,213	623	195	18	5	719,512	618,641	43,088	4,958	601	15,041	315	4,704	12	764	1	57	...	646	634	210	63

N.B.—Besides the persons entered in the statement, there were 3,345 persons who were warned and discharged; 315 workmen were ordered to fulfil their contracts under Act I of 1882; 129 seamen were ordered to forfeit wages; 48 vagrants were sent to the work-house: 11 deserters were sent to the Military authorities to be dealt with by them; 53 persons ordered to get their children vaccinated; 187 persons ordered to pay hackney carriage fare; 9 women to discontinue brothels: 86 persons were ordered to give recognizance as well as sureties.

(a) Of these 948 persons were ordered under Section 106, Criminal Procedure Code, to furnish securities in addition to other punishments.

(b) In the cases of 15 persons the imprisonment was simple; 4 persons were convicted in 15 cases, but only one sentence was passed on each person.

Annual Statement—5a—(Criminal).

Statement showing the particulars of Whippings inflicted by the Criminal Tribunals during 1886.

Part I.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Sections 2 and 3, Act VI, 1864, in lieu of other punishment.

OFFENCES FOR WHICH AWARDED	Number of stripes awarded												Total.
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25		26 to 30		
	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction	1st conviction	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction	2nd or subsequent conviction	1st conviction	2nd or subsequent conviction.	
IN LIEU OF OTHER PUNISHMENT (Sections 2 and 3, Act VI, 1864)													
1. Theft, as defined in — Section 378, I. P. C.	98		276	...	169	1	114	1	27		28	6	720
1. Theft, as defined in — „ 380 „	17	.	110	...	74	3	52	5	17	2	13	2	295
1. Theft, as defined in — „ 381 „	2	.	16		22		9	.	13	...	4	1	67
1. Theft, as defined in — „ 382 „	..			..	1	..	1		.	..	..		2
2. Extortion, as defined in — „ 388 „	..	.	...	.	...				.	...	...	.	...
2. Extortion, as defined in — „ 389 „	1	..	..	.	.	...				...	...	...	1
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property as defined in — „ 411 „	3	.	21	..	19	2	25	.	5	1	12	2	90
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property as defined in — „ 412 „	1	..	4	...	1	.		...	..	...	.	...	6
4 Lurking house-trespass, as defined in — „ 443 „	2		4	..	4	.	2	...	1	...	1	...	14
5. Ditto by night, as defined in — „ 444 „		...	2		..	...	3	1	...	...	...	..	6
6 House-breaking, as defined in — „ 445 „	...		6	...	7	1	2	..	4	...	6	...	26
7 Ditto by night, as defined in — „ 446 „			6	..	13	1	10	...	4	..	2	..	36
8. Offence under Section 14, Act III, 1880	...	..	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...
Total	124	..	445	...	310	8	218	7	71	3	66	11	1,263

Part II.

Showing Whippings inflicted in addition to other Punishments, Sections 3 and 4, Act VI, 1864.

Offences for which awarded.	Number of Stripes						Total.
	5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.	
IN ADDITION TO OTHER PUNISHMENT.							
(Sections 3 and 4.)							
A.—Section 3:—							
1 Theft, as defined in Section 378, I. P. C.	...	4	13	12	1	17	47
1 Theft, as defined in „ 380 „	...	2	10	24	3	19	58
1 Theft, as defined in „ 381 „	...	...	1	...	2	...	3
1 Theft, as defined in „ 382 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Extortion, as defined in „ 388 „	...	...	...		...	...	...
2. Extortion, as defined in „ 389 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in „ 411 „	...	...	1	4	1	6	12
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in „ 412 „	...		...	...	...	...	...
4. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in „ 443 „	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
5. Ditto by night, as defined in „ 444 „	...	1	...	1	1	2	5
6. House-breaking, as defined in „ 445 „	...	...	...	4	...	2	6
7. Ditto by night, as defined in „ 446 „	..	...	1	1	...	2	4
8. Offence under Section 14, Act III, 1880	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
B.—Section 4:—							
1 False evidence, as defined in Section 193, I. P. C.	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
1 False evidence, as defined in „ 194 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1 False evidence, as defined in „ 195 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. False charge of unnatural offence, as defined in „ 211 and „ 377 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. False charge of unnatural offence, as defined in „ 211 and „ 377 „	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Assault, as defined in „ 354 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Rape, as defined in „ 375 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Unnatural offence, as defined in „ 377 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Robbery, as defined in „ 390 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Dacoity, as defined in „ 391 „	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
8. Attempt at robbery, as defined in „ 393 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9 Hurt in committing robbery, as defined in „ 394 „	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
10. Receiving stolen property, as defined in „ 413 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11. Forgery, as defined in „ 463 „	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
11. Forgery, as defined in „ 466 „	...	...	...	..	...	..	...
11. Forgery, as defined in „ 467 „	..	...	...	..	...	...	...
11. Forgery, as defined in „ 468 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11. Forgery, as defined in „ 469 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in „ 443 „	...	.	. .	..	...	1	1
13. Ditto by night, as defined in „ 444 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14. House-breaking, as defined in „ 445 „	...	...	...	1	...	1	2
15. Ditto by night, as defined in „ 446 „	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Total	...	8	26	48	8	50	140

PART III.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Section 5, Act VI, 1864, on Juveniles for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.

OFFENCE	STRIPES.												TOTAL.
	5 AND UNDER		6 TO 10.		11 TO 15.		16 TO 20.		21 TO 25.		26 TO 30.		
	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	
Section 44, Act IV of 1879 .	9	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Sections 224 and 5 of Act VI of 1864	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	1
Section 240, I. P. C. . . .	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	1
„ 251 „ . . .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	1
„ 279 „ . . .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 290 „ . . .	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 294 „ . . .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 304 (*a*) „ . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 323 „ . . .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 324 „ . . .	2	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
„ 352 „ . .	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 354 „ . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 376 „ . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 379 „ . . .	9	...	20	...	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	37
„ 380 „ . . .	...	...	6	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ 428 „ . . .	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 429 „ . . .	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ 448 „ . . .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 454 „ . . .	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ 457 „ . . .	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 461 „ . . .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 507 „ . . .	...	...	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1
TOTAL .	25	...	44	...	11	...	6	...	...	...	..	1	87

PART IV.

Showing relative Number of times Whipping was awarded, as compared with other Punishments.

Punishments.	Number.	Remarks.
Total number of whippings awarded	1,490	
Total number of other punishments	149,293	Total number of convicted persons who might have been, but were not, whipped . 23,729
Percentage of Whippings. . .	·9	

Annual Statement—6—(Criminal).

Statement showing the Result of Appeal and Revision in Criminal Cases in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during the year 1886.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL.	Number of Persons.												Number of Cases.		
	Total number of Appellants and Applicants for revision, including pending from previous year.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Appeals or Applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed.	Sentence enhanced.	Sentence reduced or order otherwise altered.	Reversed.	Proceedings quashed.	New trial or further enquiry ordered.	Referred to the High Court for revision.	Total whose cases were disposed of, omitting those who died or escaped or whose cases were transferred.	Remaining at the end of the year.	Preferred during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.
APPEALS															
To — **From**															
District Magistrates — Subordinate Magistrates	5,268	3	522	2,846	...	476	1,101	16	77	5	5,043	222	3,155	3,121	132
Courts of Session — Magistrates	9,278	9	2,184	3,940	...	930	1,750	17	75	1	8,897	372	5,859	5,889	211
Courts of Session — Assistant Judges	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	1	1	...
Superior Courts. By persons convicted — Presidency Magistrates	78	...	50	15	...	3	2	...	1	...	71	7	50	46	6
Superior Courts. By persons convicted — Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 34, C. P. C.	6	1	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	6	...
Superior Courts. By persons convicted — Sessions Judges	1,189	2	622	271	...	116	109	...	3	...	1,121	66	720	697	51
Superior Courts. By Government from judgments of acquittal, Section 417 — All Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..
Total	15,820(a)	15	3,381	7,074	...	1,526	2,962	33	156	6	15,138	667	9,790	9,760*	400
REVISION															
By — **Of order of**															
District Magistrates — Subordinate Magistrates	1,216	...	1,040	346	...	25	125	7	438	68	2,049	154	1 266	1,242	48
Courts of Session — Magistrates	1,963	...	1,855	631	...	...	49	24	579	390	3,528	108	1,527	1,537	55
High Court (cases referred for orders under Sections 432, 438). — Magistrates	497	...	...	132	5	23	213	1	54	...	428	69	237	232	20
High Court (cases dealt with under Section 435) — Magistrates	1,197	...	516	265	...	74	269	...	53	...	1,177	20	450	460	11
High Court (cases dealt with under Section 435) — Courts of Session	81	1	36	13	2	10	15	...	1	...	77	3	38	41	1
Total	4,954(b)	1	3,447	1,387	7	132	671	32	1,125	458	7,259	354	3 518	3,512	135
GRAND TOTAL	20,774	16	6,828	8,461	7	1,658	3,633	65	1,281	464	22,397	1,021	13,308	13,272	535

(a) In addition to these, two appeals, one from Rangoon and the other from Port Blair, filed in 1885 and 1886 respectively were disposed of during the year

(b) Besides this there were 2,660 accused persons in whose cases the applications made were not in their behalf or interest. These persons, though not shown in column 2, are shown in the columns 4 to 12 according to the result of the applications.

* Excluding one case in which appellant died.

Annual Statement—7—(Criminal).

Statement showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Criminal Courts in the Province of Bengal in the year 1886.

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed.	Established or average number of Juror or Assessor in each case, and prescribed qualification.	Number of cases tried by Jury.	Number of cases with Assessors.	JURY TRIALS.					ASSESSORS' TRIALS.			REMARKS. (Note in what classes of cases Juries and Assessors have been principally employed).
				Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict.	Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the verdict		Number of persons of the verdict in respect to whom the Judge disapproved		Number of cases in which Judges agreed with Assessors.	Number of cases in which Judges differed from		
					Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under Section 307, C. P. C.	Whose cases he did not refer under Section 307, C. P. C.		One Assessor.	Both. Assessors.	
Magistrates' Courts under Chapter X, C. P. C. — Jurors	Five Jurors	57	...	57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	All offences, including abetment and attempts, falling under Chapters VIII, XI, XVI, XVII, and XXVIII of the Indian Penal Code, and tried by Jury in the Districts of Burdwan, Dacca, Hooghly, Moorshedabad, Nuddea, Patna and the 24-Pergunnahs. Other cases in the Lower Provinces are tried with the aid of Assessors.
Court of Sessions — Jurors	Five Jurors and two Assessors, qualifications as described in Chapter XXIII, Code of Criminal Procedure.	284	...	239	29	16	26	28	...	...	...	
Court of Sessions — Assessors		...	1,046	...	...	...	...	...	778	138	130	
High Court, Original Criminal Jurisdiction. — Jurors	Nine Jurors, qualifications as described in Rules 2 and 3 of the Jury Rules.	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
TOTAL		378	1,046	296	29	16	26	28	778	138	130	

Annual Statement—8—(Criminal).

Statement showing the General Result of the Trial of European British Subjects in the Province of Bengal in the year 1886.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCE.	NUMBER OF PERSONS ACCUSED AND BROUGHT BEFORE A MAGISTRATE						Died, escaped, or transferred to other districts or provinces.	Number actually brought to trial.	PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF														NUMBER OF CASES.			Number of persons who applied to the High Court for an order under Section 468 of the Code.	Of those entered in column 5, number who applied under Section 2, Act III of 1884, for transfer or committal of their cases	Number of persons who applied to the High Court under Section 526 of the Code for the transfer of their cases.
	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	WITHIN THE YEAR.							BY DISTRICT MAGISTRATES AND OTHER FIRST CLASS MAGISTRATES.						BY COURTS OF SESSION.			BY HIGH COURT.			TOTAL FOR ALL COURTS.				Brought to trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.			
		On complaint, Section 191 (c), Criminal Procedure Code.	On Police Report, Section 191 (b) of the Code.	By Magistrate *suo motu*, Section 191 (c) of the Code.	On transfer from another district or province.	Total.			Received by transfer under Section 451 B of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Committed to Court of Session.	Committed to High Court.	Transferred by order under Section 451 B of the Code.	Total omitting entries in columns 10 and 15.	Received by transfer under Section 451 B of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Transferred to High Court under Section 449 of the Code.	Total exclusive of column 17.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Total.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Total.	Number of persons under trial at the close of the year.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	...	...	3	..	..	3	...	3	.	1	2	...	...	...	3	..	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	1	2	3	...	1	1	..	...	...	...
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants, Chapter X	...	2	1	..	..	3		3	..	2	1	...	..	...	3	...	.	.	...	..	...	...	...	2	1	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	..
Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals, Chapter XIV	..	...	10	...		10	...	10	...	8	2	...	..	..	10	...	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	8	2	10	...	8	8	...	...	..	
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI — Offences affecting life	...	...	3	...	.	3	...	3	...	1	..	1	1	...	3	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	3	..	3	...	3	3	...	..	...	...
Hurt	...	8	4	..	...	12	..	12	..	4	8		...	..	12	..	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	4	8	12	...	12	12	...	...	...	...
Wrongful restraint, and wrongful confinement	...	1	1	..	..	2		2	...	1	1	.	.	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	2	2	...	..	..	..
Criminal force and assault	1	29	6	1	..	37	...	37		20	16	..	...	...	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	16	36	1	36	36	1	...	...	...
Offences against property, Chapter XVII — Theft	...	2	7	...	...	9	...	9	...	5	4	...	...	...	9	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	5	4	9	..	9	9	...	...	...	...
Criminal misappropriation of property	...	2	2	...	...	4	..	4	...	1	1	2	...	...	4	..	1	1	...	2	...	..	...	2	2	4	...	2	2	...	...	...	...
Criminal breach of trust	..	1	2	..	...	3	...	3	..	1	2	...	...	...	3	...			...		...		...	1	2	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	...
Mischief	...	2	2		...	4	...	4	...	2	1	1	...	...	4	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	1	4		4	4	...	..	..	...
Criminal trespass	...	3	7	2	...	12	..	12	...	5	7			..	12	..	..	..	...	...	..	..	...	5	7	12	...	11	11	..	...	...	
Offences relating to marriage, Chapter XX	...	1		..	...	1	...	1	..	...		1	..	..	1	1	.	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	.	...
Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance, Chapter XXII	..	7	.	.		7	...	7	...	6	1	..	...	..	7	...	...	...	...		...	...	..	6	1	7	..	6	6	...	..	.	...
Offences under special and local laws		45	81		...	126	..	126	...	108	20	..	...	...	126	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	107	20	126	...	98	96	...	...	..	...
TOTAL	1	109	129	3	...	236	...	236	..	168	66	5	1	...	235	1	3	2	...	5	1	...	1	167	68	235	1	199	199	1	...	...	...

SUBSIDIARY TABLE.

	35							36	
	OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS SHOWN IN							OF CASES SHOWN IN COLUMN 30.	
	COLUMN 16.			COLUMN 21.		COLUMNS 21 AND 24.		DISPOSED OF BY MAGISTRATES.	DISPOSED OF BY SESSIONS JUDGES.
	Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed Jury, Section 451 A (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim	Number of those in column 35 (1) whose cases were transferred under Section 451 of the Code.	Number who claimed a mixed number of Assessors, Section 451 (2) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed Jury, Section 451 (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Being European British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.	Being European British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
	2	230	...	1	1	...	1	183	12	4	...

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